

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CONTROL OF RAILROADS

President to Take Over Roads Friday—Guarantee's Dividends.

TO CUT BIG SALARIES

McAdoo Director of Railroads, May Take Over Express Companies.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 27.—Control of the nation's railroads to bring uniform operation for the war will be assumed by the government at noon tomorrow, with Secretary McAdoo, still retaining his cabinet post, in charge as director general of railroads.

The decision, the government's solution of the difficulties of the present transportation situation, was announced last evening in a proclamation by President Wilson, effective at noon Friday, Dec. 28, and taking over every railroad engaged in general transportation in continental United States, with its appurtenances, including steamship lines. All lines will be operated as a single system under Director McAdoo.

In a statement issued with the formal proclamation the president declared he would ask congress as soon as it reassembled for legislation guaranteeing:

"First, that the railroad properties will be maintained during the period of federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as when taken over by the government, and second, that the roads shall receive a net operating income equal in each case to the average net income of the three years preceding June 30th, 1917."

To Cut Big Salaries. One of the first acts of the government in beginning the operation of railroads will be to reduce large salaries now paid to railroad executives and increase in some measure wages of railway workers.

Securities to be issued while the government is in control, will be at interest rates not less than 4 per cent.

President Wilson, when he outlines the government's plans in his forthcoming address to congress, will ask that the government be empowered to buy any quantity of new railroad securities. All earnings over and above an amount to be agreed upon will go to the government.

Congress also will be asked to appropriate a large fund for the immediate supply of rolling stock. The director general will have authority to decide whether the government also shall assume operation of the express companies.

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ANOTHER AGED WOMAN OF FRANKLIN IS DEAD

MRS. HARRIET BROWN PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 10 O'CLOCK.

Mrs. Harriet Brown, widow of the late John J. Brown of Franklin Grove, passed away at her home there Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock, after a long illness.

She was 89 years of age and had for fifty years been a resident of Franklin Grove, coming there from Pennsylvania with her husband. Her maiden name was Harriet Hinkle. In her last illness she was cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Eberly of Franklin Grove. She is survived by six children: Wm. Brown, Mrs. Mary A. Eberly and George Brown of Franklin Grove; John Brown of Elburn; Mrs. Susan Clutz of Amboy, and Jacob Brown of this city.

Funeral services will be held from the late home Saturday at 10 a. m. and at 10:30 from the Brethren church, of which she had long been a faithful member. Burial will take place in the Franklin Grove cemetery.

CORONER KEPT BUSY THIS WEEK

Coroner S. J. Whetston of Steward has been kept especially busy yesterday and today, three inquests demanding his attention within twenty-four hours. The first was held yesterday afternoon in the death of Thomas Gaffney; last evening the coroner impaneled a jury to return a verdict in the death of Solomon Sunday of Franklin Grove, who died as the result of injuries received when he was struck by a Northwestern freight train Monday evening, and this morning a similar inquest was held over the remains of Lewis Hall, who was killed by being struck by a Burlington stretches over the entire car and is now in train west of Compton.

THE WEATHER

Thursday, Dec. 27. (Associated Press Leased Wire.) Unsettled and colder tonight with cold wave in northwest portion; Friday cloudy and colder.

FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, DEC. 16.			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Sunday	39	23	
Monday	46	37	
Tuesday	39	8	
Wednesday	19	9	
Thursday	30	17	

MEN WHO FOUND HALL SAY HE WAS KILLED WEDNESDAY MORNING

Constable Danekas Says Body Was Limp When It Was Found.

INQUEST ON TODAY

Think Hall Slept Out Day and Two Nights in Bitter Cold.

Further investigation of the death of Lewis Hall, a farm hand of German descent, who had been working around Compton, and who was killed on the C. B. & Q. tracks a mile east of West Brooklyn, brings forth the statement that the man was probably killed Wednesday morning, the morning he was found, for while the body was cold when discovered, it was limp, and it is said that he could not have been killed many hours before his body was found.

Hi Danekas, constable at West Brooklyn; Joe Bernardin of the same place, and Chris Ding of Sterling, were driving along the highway between West Brooklyn and Compton, about a mile out of West Brooklyn, about 9 a. m. Wednesday, when they saw a heap of rags lying between the tracks. At this point, the highway is only a few feet from the rails, and a man up on a high wagon, as these men were, could see over the weeds very clearly.

Mr. Danekas, in a statement to the Evening Telegraph yesterday afternoon, stated that he thought at first that the pile of clothing had been dropped there by a section hand, but that his companions said it was a dead man, so they climbed over the fence to have a closer inspection, and made their ghastly find.

The body of Hall was horribly mutilated, and when a party came to pick up the remains they used a clothes basket, and picked up parts of his body all along the track. Late yesterday afternoon there were searches still looking for one foot, which had not been found.

Slept in Cold. Mr. Danekas, of West Brooklyn.

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U. S. TROOPS CHASE BANDITS OVER LINE

TROOPERS GO INTO MEXICO AFTER RAIDERS OF BRITISH RANCH.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Marfa, Tex., Dec. 27.—Two troops of American cavalry are pursuing 50 Mexican bandits toward the interior of Mexico today, the second time in a month that Mexican raiders have been followed over the border.

Reports from the American troops reached the Big Bend patrol district late last night, after they had chased the bandits out of the rocky country where they sought refuge Tuesday night after raiding the Brito ranch and killing three men.

2,500 NEGROES WERE LYNCHED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 27.—Lynching and mob violence were among the subjects considered at the opening session here today of the seventh annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The discussion was led by George B. Vashon, who was an eye-witness at the shootings in East St. Louis last summer.

Reports made to the conference by field investigators showed that within the last 32 years over 2500 negroes had been lynched in this country.

GERMAN FOOD CARD DEVICE

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—By Mail.—The various German food cards are now being issued on a special water marked paper as protection against counterfeiting, which had become a profitable business in many parts of the country. The water mark, a cap the remains of Lewis Hall, who was killed by being struck by a Burlington stretches over the entire car and is now in train west of Compton.

W. G. McAdoo Who Was Named Rail Director



William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, appointed director of all railroads in the United States by the president.

WAR SESSION STATE TEACHERS' ASSN. MET

Annual Meeting Drew Many Pedagogues to Capital.

MANY BIG SPEAKERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Delegates to the first "war session" of the Illinois State Teachers' association began arriving here tonight for the opening tomorrow of the sixtieth annual convention of the organization.

Popular addresses on subjects related to war, one of them to be delivered by former President Taft, are expected to mark the session. Cyrus Stover Grove of Freeport, chairman of the resolution committee, has let it be known that the association will be asked to go on record as unequivocally behind the program of the government, and the legislative aims this year, it is said, will be guided by war conditions.

Pacifists in the association who in former years, since the European war began, have attempted to foster peace propaganda, are not looked for at the present meeting, and if they do appear they will be promptly dealt with, officers say. The "Peace League" section this year has no place on the printed program.

Although the convention proper will not open until 7:45 o'clock tomorrow night, a session will be held at 3:45 p. m. by the Normal School.

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LET FILIPINOS INTO OUR ARMY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson has advised Chairman Dent of the house military committee, that he desires bills to provide for the entrance of the Philippine National Guard and the Philippine scouts into the national army become a law at this session of congress. Mr. Dent announced today that he proposes to press this legislation with a view to enactment.

It is estimated that the organizations total approximately 25000 men.

JONES' GROCERY 30 YEARS OLD

Thirty years ago this Christmas week a grocery store was started in a small building where the Huggins clothing store now stands in Dement town. The proprietor, W. C. Jones, then a young man of 25, soon demonstrated the truth of the saying, "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves," for inside of ten years he built the large and well equipped building he now occupies. One horse and wagon did the delivering then; three automobiles, and many cash and carry customers, some of whom started trading with him in the late eighties, testify to the progress this merchant has made.

It may be safely stated there is not another grocer in this city who at the present time can claim a record of thirty years in this one line of business.

FIRE IN ROOF.

The fire department was called at 9 a. m. today to the residence of A. W. Goodrich, 633 South Hennepin avenue, to extinguish a blaze on the roof. The fire was put out with no more damage than a hole in the roof.

U. S. CONTROL OF RAILROADS BOOSTS STOCK

Wall Street Is Satisfied With Government Action.

UNCERTAINTY IS ENDED

Holders of Railroad Stocks Are Pleased With the Situation.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 27.—Stocks soared at the opening of the stock market today, denoting the satisfaction of the financial community with President Wilson's decision to take over the railroads.

Bankers generally agreed that in view of the financial phase of the problem, McAdoo's retention of the treasury portfolio was desirable.

They anticipated that Mr. McAdoo would direct questions of general policy only, leaving the actual operation of the lines to a staff of railroad experts.

Financiers Approve. Almost without exception leading bankers and railroad executives having their headquarters here today expressed approval of the president's action in taking over the country's railroad lines. The action had been anticipated by railway officials for some time and most of them agreed that the government program as a whole met their expectations.

In the financial district, bankers expressed relief that the uncertainty over the situation had been ended. The president's statement regarding guarantee of compensation to railroads will have the effect of reassuring holders of railway securities, it was asserted.

Some bankers at first expressed surprise that Secretary McAdoo retained his position in the treasury, but upon closer examination of the president's plan they generally agreed that in view of the financial phase of the problem McAdoo's retention in the treasury was desirable.

Authorities on railroad finance say that in their opinion the change in status will have little effect upon the operation of the railroads. They anticipated that Mr. McAdoo would direct questions of general policy only, and leave the question of operation of the lines to a staff of experts.

Buck Duane —Outlaw

driven from society by heredity and circumstances, riding the wild stretches of Texas, camping with bandits and fighting with desperadoes, to

Buck Duane —Ranger

who rids the state of its most desperate bank-breaking, cattle-stealing, train-robbing crew, and who is finally redeemed to society by the love of a woman. This, in a nutshell, is the new serial we have secured—

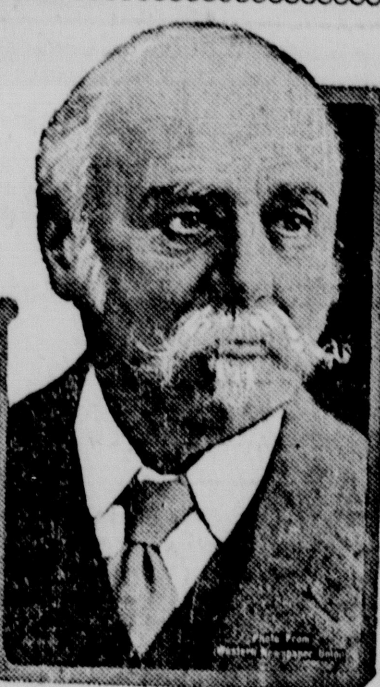
The Lone Star Ranger

In the telling of it there is never a dull moment. Intense interest marks every chapter and you fairly live through each of the desperate adventures in which "Buck" participates. If you like a story of abundant action, don't miss

Our New Serial

STARTS SATURDAY IN TELEGRAPH

Director General of Explosives for Britain



Lord Moulton, K. C. B., F. R. S., director general of explosives for Great Britain, was recently made a knight of the Grand Cross of the British empire.

CLASSIFICATION OF SOME REGISTRANTS READY TOMORROW

Expect to Publish Classifications of Some Questionnaires.

MISSING ADDRESSES

Chairman Henry Dixon of the Local Board of Exemption for Lee county announced today that the board expected to make public a hundred or so decisions on returned questionnaires by tomorrow. If this information is given out at that time, the men whose names and classifications are so published will know where they stand in relation to the draft and the class to which they have been allotted.

Decisions on classifications will only be given out in their order and the board will take up the cases in their order numbers, commencing with No. 1. It is possible that the board will be able to give decisions on classifications quite rapidly now, but the classification and filing of questionnaires requires a tremendous amount of detail work and it is work that must be done correctly, therefore slowly.

The board requests publication of the following names, which are noted as having moved and left no address. The addresses are asked for by the board at once.

Missing Addresses. Peter Ketchmark. William August Smith. Steve Waelan. Roy Carlson. Maxie Smith, colored. David Gordon Moore. Claude Lee Orest McCormick. James Carter Hicks. Reuben C. Crain. Enebal Soma. Fred William Williams. John Falkner, colored. Stanley Koloff.

FINAL INCREMENT FROM QUESTIONNAIRE

NEW ORDER FROM CROWDER PUTS ALL OUT OF SERVICE UNDER QUESTIONNAIRE.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 27.—Final increments of the first national army assigned to Camp Dodge will not be called but the men in those quotas will be classified under the new regulation order from Washington, issued today.

The orders issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder, apparently apply not only to Camp Dodge, but affect all deferred percentages of the first army, for which there will be no more formal call before February 15.

"Deficiencies in quotas already assigned to camps, due to physical rejection or other causes, will be made up from men chosen under the old regulations, however, until local boards have enough men finally classified in class one of the new regulations."

GERMAN SOCIALISTS JAILED.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 27.—More than 300 members of the German Minority Socialist party were arrested on Christmas eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich dispatch given out today by the wireless press.

STILL TALK OF PLOT.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 27.—The Bolshevik newspapers continue to print "revelations" of an alleged American plot to support General Kaledines, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post dated Tuesday.

100 PER CENT ... in ... Lee Co. Red Cross

Business houses and families securing One Hundred Per Cent Red Cross Flags, in addition to lists published yesterday, are as follows:

Wilbur Lumber Company. Mrs. Lucy Rosbrook. S. S. Dodge. Bradford Brinton. J. L. Hartwell. Collins Dysart. M. J. McGowan. John Doyle. Charles Johnson. Ruth Worthington. M. L. Davies. W. F. Hogan. A. G. Harris. C. H. Stackpole. Henry T. Noble. Eli Baker.

W. W. Moore. H. V. Myers. Peter Zarcene. S. W. Lehman. B. F. Snyder. Dan Donovan. G. W. Hawley. Clinton Judd. A. G. Gossman. Lee Dysart. M. H. Brookner. Dr. Z. W. Moss. J. M. Moline. Albert Horst. Clyde Smith. R. K. McGurk. Dr. L. R. Evans. Blinn Smith. J. W. Ballou. Lester Wilhelm. Edward Martin. Charles Andres. R. E. Smice. William E. Shippert. Doctor Carriel. Katie Blinn. George L. Stackpole. Leonard Blass. Frank Rink (office and home.) Jason C. Ayres. W. B. Brinton. L. W. Mitchell. John B. Crabtree. W. F. Krohn. E. C. Parsons. William Doyle. C. B. Yonts. Ray Derr. J. F. Hintz. Fred Dana. L. B. Swingley. C. B. Crawford. J. W. Staples. W. H. Hardway. J. M. Batchelder. J. W. King. J. W. White. J. W. Stephens. Gordon Utley. Mrs. Freeland. C. H. McKenney. J. E. Salzman. John L. Davies. Mrs. Jerome Kenneth Cox. A. C. Warner. M. H. Hall. H. W. Roe. J. H. Shoemaker. E. W. Parker. W. W. Wooley. J. B. Lennon. Henry Dixon. Louis Pitcher. Prescott Metcalf. Minnie Fischer. George W. Bruner. Edward Zoeller. E. H. Rickard. N. N. Eastman. Miss Chase. Anna Mead. Doctor Altman.

PRISONER HAD GARB OF PRIEST

Paris, Dec. 13.—By Mail.—A young German newspaper man who made his escape from a prison camp in the south of France, has been captured after two weeks' liberty. He was wearing a long black beard and long cloak like that worn by some of the French religious orders.

In his hand he carried a French prayer book, on the flyleaf of which he had written in perfect French that he was a priest on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and that he had vowed to make the journey on foot and without speaking a word. He then asked that he be given bread to eat and water to drink and lodging at night. The German had shown this soiled prayer book everywhere along his way and the simple-minded peasants, believing him to be a priest, had fed and sheltered him without suspicion.

BAILEY HERE TO VISIT FRIENDS

E. T. Bailey, secretary of the Jackson, Mich., Y. M. C. A., formerly secretary of the local association, is here for a short visit with friends, the last he will make in Dixon prior to leaving for France early next month to take up army Y. M. C. A. work, for which he was granted a leave of absence by the directors of the Jackson association.

INITIATION AT ELKS TONIGHT

The special meeting of the Elks this evening, at which a large class of candidates will be given the initiatory work, will be one of the most interesting of the year. The drill team has worked hard in preparation for this evening's festivities and the house committee will entertain with a social session after the meeting.

CENTRAL POWERS TELL RUSS THEY WANT PEACE NOW

Count Czernin Outlines Plans for World Peace.

DO NOT ASK TERRITORY

Bolsheviks Say Statement Is Not Definite Enough.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—The Central Powers, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, told the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk yesterday, solemnly declare their resolve to sign terms immediately which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all belligerents. The Central Powers also favor a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities. They could not bind themselves to such terms without a guarantee that Russia's allies would recognize them and carry them out honestly toward the Central Powers.

Count Czernin declared that the Central Powers shared Russia's condemnation of a continuation of the war for the sake of conquest and said the Central Powers did not intend forcibly to annex territories seized during the war nor to deprive nations of political independence lost in the war.

In the event of a mutual refusal to meet war expenditures and pay damages caused by the war, Count Czernin continued, each belligerent shall bear only the expense of its subjects made prisoner and any damages caused to property of civilian subjects by deliberate violations of international law.

The chairman of the Russian delegation demurred at the German statement on such definition as being incomplete. He said the war could not end without the re-establishment of the violated rights of little and oppressed nationalities.

BRITISH FRONT QUIET.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 27.—"Except for some hostile artillery activity north and east of Ypres," Field Marshal Haig reported today to the British war office, "there was nothing to report last night."

FRENCH HEPULSE GERMANS.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 27.—Three attacks were made by the Germans last night on the Verdun front east of the Meuse, it is announced officially. On their third attempt the Germans succeeded in reaching the French lines but were driven out immediately with heavy losses, leaving prisoners.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 27.—The British steamer City of Nagpur has been wrecked in Delagoa bay, Portuguese East Africa, according to a dispatch to the Times from Lisbon. The passengers, numbering 259, were saved, as was the cargo.

The steamer City of Nagpur, of 8,331 tons, was built in Belfast in 1914. She was owned by the Ellerman line, of Liverpool, and was engaged in the eastern service.

DO YOU KNOW WHY --- Some Kinds Of Kids Call This Fun?



GERMAN CAVALRY IS STILL STRONG FORCE

TRENCH WARFARE HAS NOT DIMINISHED STRENGTH OF SERVICE.

French Front (Continued)—Trench warfare has not diminished the German cavalry forces, as has been generally supposed, for information which has reached the correspondent of the Associated Press now shows the total of squadrons in the service to be even higher than it was at the mobilization in 1914. Changes, however, have been introduced in the mounted arm of the service by which some of the squadrons temporarily have been discounted and utilized as infantry, while the formations have undergone considerable noteworthy variations.

At present the German army has at its disposal no fewer than 649 cavalry squadrons, comprising active, reserve, mobile ersatz, landwehr and landsturm units, but of these 144 have been separated from the horses and used as infantry. This figure compares with 440 squadrons on peace footing.

When the war began the German cavalry was at once formed into eleven divisions, each composed of six regiments of four squadrons. Besides these, there were also the bodies of divisional cavalry attached to the active and reserve divisions of infantry.

Rumania's entry into the war compelled more cavalry formations and the number of organized divisions at once was increased to 14.

The spring of 1917 saw the end of the Rumanian campaign, and with this came a decrease of the divisional formations to six, while the divisions themselves were reduced from six regiments to four each. At the same time independent brigades of mounted troops were formed, of which the existence of at least five is known, each having three regiments of four squadrons each.

Nearly every infantry division is provided also with a unit of cavalry whose strength varies according to the nature of the country in which troops are operating.

From among the cavalymen who, temporarily, are not employed on mounted duty at the front, twenty-three regiments of riflemen have now been formed, which take their turn in holding trenches with the ordinary infantry formations. Each of these regiments is composed of four squadrons and a squadron of machine gunners.

Besides these other units of cavalymen selected from the regiments of the active army are from time to time used as infantry, but the exact numbers are not at present to be ascertained.

PHILIPPINE CURRENCY SYSTEM IS REFORMED

WILL BRING VALUES TO MEET THE UNITED STATES SYSTEM.

Manila: Reformation of the Philippine currency system is provided for in a currency bill passed by the Philippine House and which seems certain of passage by the Senate. It must be submitted to the president for final approval. It proposes to reduce the weight of the billon in Philippine currency to the standard of the United States, thus avoiding the danger which menaced the islands recently when the value of the actual silver in peso reached 25 percent above the nominal value, and the billon value of subsidiary coins was dangerously near the face value.

The bill also provides for the issue by the government of paper notes of the value of one peso. The lowest denomination bill heretofore issued by the government is of two pesos.

WOMEN'S BRANCH OF ROYAL NAVY

London: The British navy has announced the organization of a formal branch of naval service for women under the title of the "Women's Royal Naval Service." The membership includes women employed on duties connected with the navy, those in dockyards and at the naval bases chiefly. Members will wear distinctive uniforms of navy blue with brass buttons.

The members of the new service have already been nicknamed the "Wrens," this being a convenient shortening of the initials W. R. N. S., which they wear on their collars.

SPORTING NEWS

St. Louis, Mo.—Rudi Meyer, a star bowler of this city, has joined the aviation corps. He took part last year in the doubles with L. W. Walcker at the American Bowling Congress tournament in Grand Rapids, Mich., and they hung up a new world's record for a single game on new alleys under A. B. C. conditions, the score being 511.

Alma, Mich.—The selective draft has about ruined Alma college's chances for a championship basketball team this winter, and a veteran football eleven next autumn. Captain-elect Herbert of the football team and three other members of the 1917 team have been called to the colors. Three of the basketball regulars, Melvin, Thureau and Payne, have enlisted.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Michigan's 1918 football eleven may again be captainless. "Tad" Wieman of California, who recently was elected, has announced his intention of entering the aviation corps. Wieman was unanimously chosen for captain by the eighteen letter men. Last year "Pat" Smith of Bay City was chosen captain, but when war came he joined the naval forces.

Wieman played only Rugby football before he came to Michigan. He made the freshman team here, however, and has been a varsity star for two seasons. He played tackle in 1916 but was shifted to fullback this season. He scored 125 of Michigan's 304 points in 1917.

Michigan's great mass of veteran material for her 1918 eleven is steadily being reduced. Sparks, Rye and Weston have been accepted for the aviation service. All of these men were stars.

Detroit, Mich.—Owen Bush, veteran shortstop of the Detroit Americans, has about decided to move from Indianapolis and make his winter home in Detroit. Bush is unmarried and lives with his mother, who keeps house for him during the playing season.

Bush seemed rather downhearted when here recently, because his bosom friend, Jack Dillon, has closed his career as a fighter. The "Hoosier Bearcat" and "Donie" have been chums since boyhood and Bush often insisted that Dillon was about the greatest fighter in the universe.

East Lansing, Mich.—The 1918 football eleven of the Michigan Agricultural college will probably be molded from green material once more. Many of the 1917 squad are eligible but recently five players enlisted. Sullivan and LaFond, two stars on the freshman team this year, are among those who decided to fight for Uncle Sam.

Muskegon, Mich.—As Muskegon will not be in the Central league next season, its baseball players are being disposed of. Paul Wachtel, pitcher, goes to Columbus. Outfielder Herndon has been sold to St. Paul and Pitcher Jim Allen probably will go to Fort Worth in the Texas league.

Detroit, Mich.—Harry Coveleskie, formerly the leading left hander on the pitching staff of the Detroit Americans, will try to come back next spring. He was almost worthless to the club last season because his pitching arm went back on him. Coveleskie has been taking treatments and hopes to convince Manager Jennings that he should receive another trial. "Covie" is married and not subject to the draft.

Bloomington, Ind.—An inter-fraternity handball tournament has been organized at Indiana university, the fraternity winning the most games to receive a loving cup. Each fraternity will be represented by four men, each man to play fifty-five games during the winter. Handball is a comparatively new sport at Indiana, having been started since the opening of the new gymnasium about a year ago.

Lawrence, Kan.—Thirty-three Kansas university freshmen have reported for basketball practice. This is a unusually large number, due, it is said, to the new Missouri Valley conference rule, which permits freshmen competition.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Elizabeth Leggett to Ira Leggett wd \$1 lots 3 4 5 Patrick's sub Dix on.

James F Gillan to E M Maher wd \$1 neq 13 and seq 12 East Grove.

Charles Ludwig to Julia Hurley wd \$50 lots 9 and 10 blk 9 Amboy, lot 1 blk 20 and lots 13 and 25 blk 21 Gilson's add Amboy.

Wm J Rau to Julia Hurley wd \$50 same as last above.

Fred C North to Dorothy N Flech ed qd \$1 pt lot 31 Moeller's survey Dixon.

AT NEWCOMER COMPANY George C Loveland announces that during his absence in the south this winter his business affairs are being attended to by the F. X. Newcomer company.

George D. Foik of Mendota was in town today.

GIRLS RISK LIVES ON FRENCH FRONT

Ambulance Drivers Work Close to Firing Lines.

WINNING LAURELS FOR SEX

Show Unfailing Courage in Time of Danger and Display Splendid Ability as Drivers and Mechanicians—American Society Girls Doing Great Service in Gathering Up Wounded on the Battle Front.

Over the shell-scarred ground of Flanders, and in practically every danger zone on the war map of Europe, women ambulance drivers are today winning laurels for the sex because of their unfailing courage in time of danger and for their splendid ability as drivers and mechanicians.

In the anti-bellum days of 1914 breaking the speed limit in a car stripped to its best racing trim was one of the chief outdoor sports of many of the rich young women in America and on the continent, but the soldierly clad, patriotic girls who are doing their bit at the front today are getting more thrills to the minute than any speed enthusiast who has paid thousands of dollars in fines for the privilege.

Collecting the wounded is not the simple thing of running over to the station to meet the trains and transporting the wounded to the nearby hospitals. Indeed, not. The women drivers of the ambulances go right up to the clearing station within reach of the big guns.

Show Their Nerve.

They think nothing of getting a bit of shell through the bonnets of their cars and it has yet to be reported that



British Woman Ambulance Driver.

so far any of the girls who have volunteered for this dangerous branch of the service have pulled any Lydia Languish stunt in the face of an emergency.

Attached to the Scottish Women's hospital, which, by the way, was planned and is being carried out entirely by women, is an X-ray automobile, driven by a woman, which has saved a good many lives.

As the wounded are taken back from the line a picture is taken and developed as the car runs back to the hospital. In this way the women surgeons realize the most critical cases and they are rushed straight to the operating table. The picture of the wounded being ready for the operating surgeon, she knows exactly what she has to deal with. Many of the boys owe their lives to these X-ray ambulances and the plucky girls who are driving them.

Women of wealth all over the world have found they could serve their country best by using their knowledge of how to drive and care for a car. Hundreds of them have volunteered.

Society Girls in Service. Miss Maria Laurence-Wetherill, a New York society girl, has been driving an ambulance on the French front. She is accounted one of the most skillful operators in the motor service.

Miss Hilda S. Ambler of Bridgeport, Conn., has joined the Volunteer Ambulance division. She is also an expert driver and mechanic. Miss Ambler has adopted the uniform worn by the British Royal Flying corps.

Mrs. Blanche Shoemaker Wagstaff is another well-known New York woman who is quickly helping in the rescue work of the wounded boys on the allied fronts. She heads a number of women drivers from the National League for Woman's Service who left early last month for France and who are stationed somewhere along the lines, doing their share in the work of rushing the wounded to the hospitals and also in permitting other men to rush to the colors who would be obliged to drive the ambulances had not women proved such splendid substitutes.

PROVES ALLIES' CONTROL OF SEA

Cattegat Battle Shows Germans Fear to Take Chance.

STAND IDLE AS 11 ARE SUNK

Teutons Strike Nervously at Night and Flee, Not Daring to Go to Rescue of Own Ships—British Fight Openly in Daytime and Rescue Drowning Men From the Water—Reputation of German Navy Suffers.

The recent naval action in the Cattegat, where the British sank a German cruiser and ten armed patrol ships, is an example of the careful planning which lies behind every move on the naval chart. A comparatively insignificant force of British destroyers and light cruisers were the actual stage performers, in the little Skagerrak drama.

The actual fight in the Cattegat began about seven o'clock in the morning and was over three hours later. The German fleet behind its fortifications received calls for help, but dared not take a chance—probably well knowing that any attempt to send out help would be confronted with enemies rising out of the sea on all sides.

The Cattegat is a deep bay lying between Denmark and Sweden and leading out through the Skagerrak into the North sea, near the scene of the famous Jutland battle. A fog lay over the entire Cattegat throughout the action, and the British destroyers picked off their victims, one by one, and sank them.

Discredit German Captain's Story.

The German auxiliary cruiser Marie, which was leading the fleet of patrol boats, was a ship of 3,000 tons. Its captain, Herr Lauterbach, was wounded, but reached the Danish shore safely. His ship, which had four guns and a crew of 90, was "suddenly attacked," he said, in an interview with a Danish newspaper man afterward. "By a fleet of British destroyers and the shells fired by them descended with such rapidity that the men on the Marie were almost unable to use the guns. Only a few shots were fired before the ship was a mass of flames."

British and American naval men who have been on the China station in years past will remember Captain Lauterbach. He was known from Shanghai to Vladivostok as "Baron Munchausen" and is said to have been the most unpopular German naval officer in the far East.

Lauterbach's naval reputation will probably suffer somewhat from the Cattegat battle. His report that he fired his guns as long as possible is denied by his own men, who declared that Lauterbach was seized with "frank" as soon as the enemy appeared and that not a single shot was fired from the Marie's guns.

Presumably the Marie was making its way toward the trade route between Norway and Scotland, in hopes of repeating the successful German attack on the British convoy on October 17. The British commander concentrated his fire first of all on the Marie and then detached his fastest vessels to round up the escorting patrol vessels. This was thoroughly done after a hunt lasting nearly three hours. This action, it should be remembered, occurred in waters which the Germans regarded as practically one of their "inland seas."

The Cattegat is the gateway to the Baltic. The scene of the fight is 500 miles from the nearest British coast, but less than 200 miles from Kiel. The Germans held their favorite "interior lines," while the British forces had to cross the North sea, go up through the Skagerrak, and then around Skaw.

Enemy Afraid to Attempt Coup.

The Germans had every chance to execute a coup, cutting off the retreat of the British forces by bringing superior units up the coast to the entrance of the Skagerrak. That they did not dare to attempt this is evidence of their appreciation of the initiative and resource of the British navy.

An interesting comparison might be made between this clean victory by the

British destroyers and the tip-and-run raid by the German light cruisers on a British convoy on October 17.

The Germans sent out two of their fastest cruisers in the darkness, struck their blows in nervous haste in the early morning hours, not pausing to rescue a single life of hundreds of combatants and noncombatants, then ran away northward to pass the remaining hours of daylight in hiding, and when night fell dashed down the Norwegian coast, and thus returned home without being intercepted.

On the occasion of the British victory the fight occurred not in the North sea, but on Germany's doorstep; not at night, but in daylight; not hurriedly or nervously, for 64 prisoners were taken, drowning men rescued from the water, thus providing another vivid contrast between German and British methods of warfare.

The return of the British squadron to its base was quiet and unostentatious. By nightfall they were off again on their business of sweeping the sea.

The cruise of the fleet into the Cattegat and the little victory which the British won there without the loss of a single British life, while not largely important in itself, is a concrete illustration and proof of the manner in which the allied fleets control the seas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson returned yesterday from a short visit in Chicago.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend thanks to our kind neighbors and friends for their help and sympathy shown to us through our dear mother's long illness. Also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Cora Herbst
Mrs. Anna Sollenberger,
Ura Kime
William Kime.

HOME GUARDS.

"I haven't seen your husband for several days," remarked Mrs. Turpin. "Is he out of town?"

"No, he's in the house," replied Mrs. Curfew, "but his head is badly dented and bruised, and he is threatened with nervous prostration, and I won't allow him to leave the premises until he is more like himself."

"I'm sure I don't know what's going to become of Mr. Curfew unless he can get rid of some of his patriotism. I'm glad to have a husband who is willing and anxious to make sacrifices for his country, but I can't help thinking that even patriotism may be carried too far."

"My husband has been trying to enlist ever since diplomatic relations with Germany were broken off, but the officials won't accept him. They take one look at his flowing white whiskers and advise him to get a plush-lined rocking chair and a pair of carpet slippers, and spend his declining years by the fireside. One sergeant or corporal or other enlisting officer said the country was trying to organize an army, not an octogenarians' club, and Mr. Curfew was boiling mad."

"Finally, seeing that he couldn't break into the army, he decided to organize a regiment of home guards to police the town when the able-bodied young men are called away. He went around and interviewed a lot of the patriarchy in the neighborhood, and they all said it would be a fine thing, and they would be glad to take part."

"Mr. Curfew elected himself colonel or brigadier general or something. He felt that he was entitled to the commanding position, as the idea was his own, and the old men admitted that it was fair, and so the other evening they assembled for a drill on Johnson's vacant lot across the alley. Mr. Curfew had dug up a sword and a big brass helmet with a plume on it, and he had a red sash around his waist and large spurs on his boots, and when he walked he clanked like a keg of nails."

"He certainly was an imposing figure when he went out of the house in all his martial array, and I was proud of his appearance, although I feared the worst, for I didn't believe the old men of his brigade would stand it to be bossed around. I knew most of them personally, and they are a cantankerous lot, and their wives can't get along with them."

"My husband shouted some order and some of the men obeyed and others just stood around grinning. Mr. Gooseworthy said there was no sense in such an order and that it was contrary to all military rules and the eth-

Lady Arthur Paget a Good War Worker

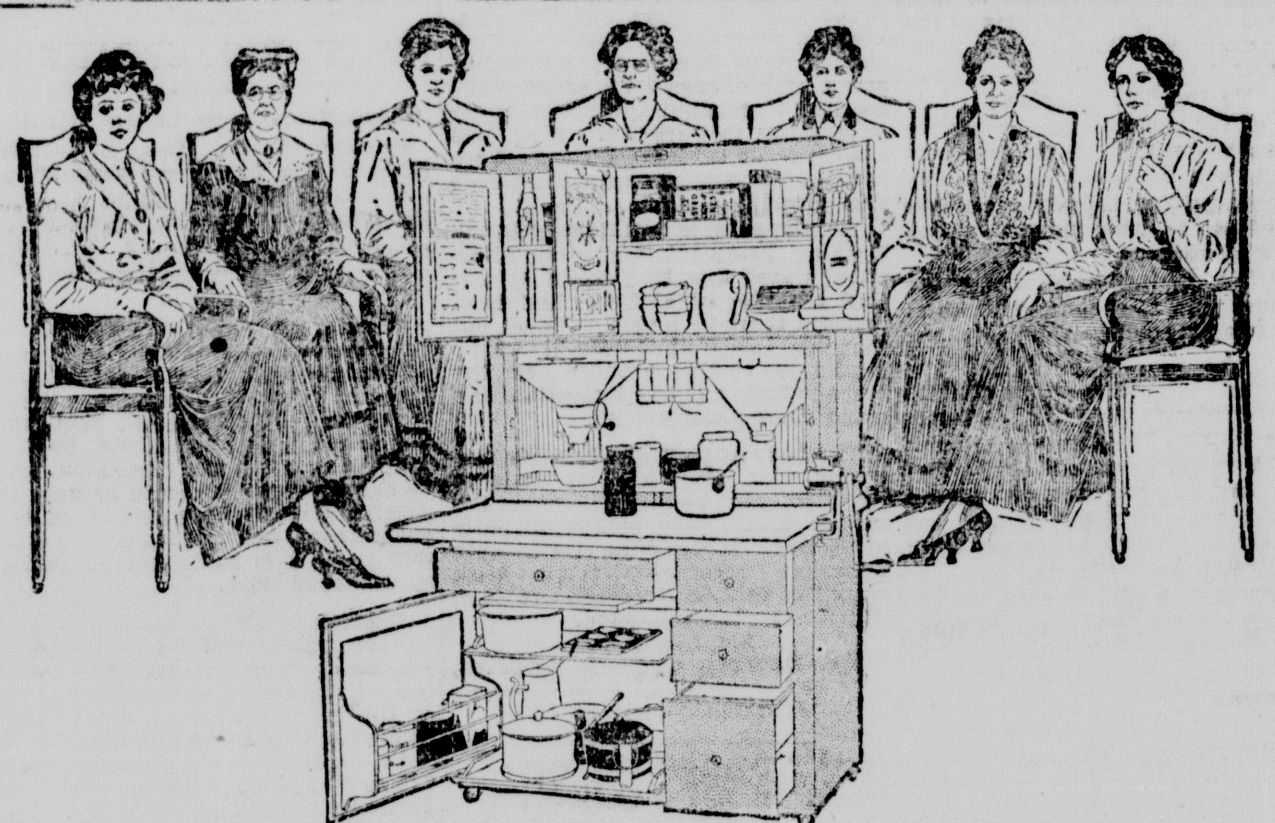


Among the most assiduous of Britain's women war workers is Lady Arthur Paget, who was Mary Stevens of New York. Her husband is commander in chief of the home defense troops in England.

ies of West Point, or words to that effect.

"My husband reprimanded him severely, which was perfectly proper, for if the commanding officer of a home guard can't maintain discipline there is going to be anarchy. Mr. Gooseworthy said he'd be everlastingly drawn and quartered if he'd be spoken to in that tone of voice by anybody, and he picked up a chunk of vitrified brick and threw it at my husband."

"It struck his brass helmet and jammed it down over his ears, so that we had to get the blacksmith to pry it off. Meanwhile all the members of the home guard indulged in a riot, some supporting my husband and some backing Mr. Gooseworthy, and they were all banged up more or less, but most of the bricks and things hit my husband, for he was where the weapons were thickest, as he always is, and I really don't want the neighbors to see him until his head is healed up."



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SOCIETY

COMING EVENTS

Friday
Presbyterian Missionary, Miss M. J. Chock.
Mystic Workers, Miller Hall.

For Ambulance Fund.
On Friday, through the kindness of Mr. Rorer, manager of the Family theatre, both matinee and evening performances will be presented as benefits for Woman's Relief Corps Ambulance fund. The ambulance is to be in France by January 15th and the local chapter is anxious to do its share and through the courtesy of Mr. Rorer, has set about it in this pleasant way—pleasant to all who will assist with their presence at the Friday performances, as Mabel Talbot will appear in "Draft No. 258," a companion to "The Slacker." This is another bit of war relief in which most of us can help.

Entertainment at Walton.
The entertainment at Walton hall Wednesday evening given by Keefer and O'Malley schools, of which the Misses Hazel and Irene Lally are teachers, was delightful and quite an unusual school affair. A program was given by the children of both schools and in addition some of the older young people of the neighborhood participated in a farce which kept the large audience in laughter as it progressed.

The farce was entitled "Uncle Joe's Mistake" with Ray Lally taking the part of Uncle Joe in a delightful impersonation. The other parts, Uncle Joe's nephew who depended upon his uncle for funds (Stanley Kent), Mrs. Livingston, a dashing young widow (Miss Hazel Lally), Miss Lottie Livingston, her niece (Miss Marcelle Grohens), Sammie Livingston, the widow's angel child, a thorough-going mischief and little nuisance (Clarence Morrissey), were all most excellently performed. The story revolves about the mistake made by Uncle Joe, who was persuaded by his bashful nephew, much in love with Miss Lottie, to do the proposing for him, and instead of addressing Miss Lottie, mistakes the widow for the object of his nephew's affections and delivers the proposal to the widow, who accepts. The result is most ludicrous, but all ends happily.

Many responded to the invitation to bring basket lunches and these were auctioned, netting a neat sum for the two schools. The entire affair was one of the most pleasurable recently presented in Walton.

R. N. A. Meeting Tonight.
A regular meeting with important business to transact will be held by the Royal Neighbors at Miller hall this evening at 8 o'clock sharp. There will be balloting and initiation and as this is the last meeting under the old officers, every member and officer should be present.

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In Ashton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Webster and daughter Zetta and Mrs. Woodburn and Misses Woodburn of this city were Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. Webster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Jennings in Ashton. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steveng, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. August Schaffer and daughter Melinda of Ashton were also dinner guests.

Winter in Idaho.

Miss Katherine Godfrey of North Dixon is spending the winter in Jerome, Idaho, with her brother, Wm. Godfrey, and family.

Methodist Choirs

The choir of the Methodist church will meet tomorrow for practice, the junior choir at 4:15 p. m. and the senior choir at 7:30 p. m.

Christmas Dinner Guests

A delicious Christmas dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ruff of Palmyra to the following guests: Lloyd Baer and family, Sterling, Mrs. Orpha McGinnis, P. Hobbs, Calvin Eastman and wife and Lee Eastman, all of Dixon.

Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, West Chamberlain street, entertained the following at Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mumford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ankeny and family and O. Selgestad of Dixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Polo.

Return From Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer West and son are expected to return from Oregon, Wis. where they went to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles West, today.

As Dinner Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Slothower had as their guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Slothower, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Slothower and family and Mrs. I. D. Reynolds of this city.

Mystic Workers.

The Mystic Workers will meet in regular session tomorrow evening at Miller hall. A social session will follow the transaction of regular business.

Family Reunion.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe on Christmas day. The following relatives were present: Mrs. Henry James and daughter Ruth, Polo; Mrs. Murray King and son Merle, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frisby, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dial, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe, Jr., Dixon. After the exchange of gifts the company with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Frisby, went to the Dial home where a sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Dial and Mrs. Wolfe. Mr. and Mrs. Frisby ate dinner with the former's sister, Mrs. Dora Heft. The Dial home was beautifully decorated with Christmas bells and ribbon streamers in Christmas colors.

Snowball Party

The "snowball" party given Christmas at the Pastime Roller Rink, was a pretty affair and enjoyed by many of the city's skaters. Each evening finds some new and pretty feature at the Pastime rink.

Congregational Missionary

The Missionary society of the Congregational church held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Abram Ackert. The meeting was largely attended and enthusiastic. Discussion of plans for the new year's work occupied a large part of the session and was followed by the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Miss Lillian Willis, re-elected president.
Mrs. Alida Gumm, vice president.
Mrs. John Greve, secretary.
Miss Nellie Plant, treasurer.
A pleasing program number was the vocal duet given by Mrs. Dornhoefer and Mrs. Greve.

Club Girls Help Family

The "W. W. F." club, composed of the Misses Frances Preston, Laura Andrews, Ethel Fruin, Jean Shear and Mildred Schrock, made a family happy by delivering a Christmas basket on Christmas eve at their door. The basket contained good things which contribute toward a happy Christmas, including candy and nuts. Even toys were not forgotten. The club organized a year ago and from the receipts of a candy sale were able to furnish the basket. The officers of the club are: President, Miss Frances Preston; treasurer, Miss Laura Andrews; secretary, Miss Ethel Fruin.

For War Relief Work.

The Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, has, as its share from the proceeds of the Capt. Kayveit lecture, \$155, and this is being turned into material such as cloth, yarn, etc., for the war relief work which it is undertaking. Thursday evening the rooms at K. C. hall will be open and workers are invited to come and help.

Dancing Party.

The Travelers from the East have issued invitations to an informal dancing party to be held tomorrow evening at Rosbrook hall. The Slothower orchestra will furnish music for the dancing, which will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

St. Margaret's Guild dance, Thursday, Dec. 27, at Rosbrook hall. Admission 75c per couple. Music by Logan Jazz band. 3012

No Vacation

That those doing Red Cross work have taken little Christmas vacation was evidenced by the amount of work packed yesterday and today, ready to be shipped to Red Cross headquarters in Chicago. In one box went 100 sweaters, in another 95 pairs of socks while another was filled with wristlets, scarfs and helmets. It hasn't been long, either, since the last shipment was made. Boxes of bandages and other hospital supplies will be packed today and tomorrow as ever so many of these are on hand. Much work has been received recently from the Amboy, Pawpaw, Seabrook and Steward auxiliaries.

Room for More Workers.

Don't anyone fancy, however, that just because so much work is being done there is no more room for more workers. As a New Year's suggestion, every woman in town is asked to set aside one afternoon each week for Red Cross work, or one evening, if occupied during the day. If this is done the Lee county chapter would turn out enough work to win for itself a place in the very front ranks among the most active chapters, and think of the good work that would be done. Isn't this suggestion worthy of a trial?

Harmon Organized Auxiliary

The work of organizing auxiliaries in the various townships is going on. Harmon township organized Thursday, Dec. 20, an auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. Joseph McCreary of this city, the meeting being held in Harmon at the home of Mrs. Hettlinger. Mrs. Mina Hettlinger was elected chairman, Miss Mary Gilpin secretary and Mrs. W. H. Kuder, the banker of Harmon, was made treasurer. Yesterday the Dixon shop was visited by some of the Harmon ladies and materials and instructions taken back to Harmon so that everything will be ready for starting the work on the first regular meeting day, January 2. Even if no one goes from the Dixon shop to assist in the work at that time, although there probably will, complete instructions have been given, so that the Harmon ladies will have no difficulty in starting work.

Supplies from Headquarters

Some of the auxiliaries, as for instance Amboy and Pawpaw, have been buying their own material for bandages, etc. After the first of the year the Dixon shop will receive all material from the Chicago headquarters and will distribute this to all the auxiliaries so there will be uniformity of material throughout. Recently one of the auxiliaries turned in some excellently made work, but not exactly of the material specified, and whether such will be accepted at the headquarters is a question. Hence the reason for sending all the material from headquarters. Consequently all membership fees will be paid into the county chapters, half will be sent to Washington for the National and International Red Cross work and the other half will pay for the material used by the county chapters and auxiliaries.

Work Evenings Next Week.

It is expected to begin the evening work again the first of next week in the upper floor of the Rodesch building, the lower floor of which is occupied by the Kramer store. The working evenings are Mondays and Tuesdays and everyone, especially girls who are otherwise occupied during the day, is invited.

Visiting Parents.

Mrs. S. F. Weatherly and son Clay of Starks, Wis., came Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Myers, and her sister, Mrs. Wm. Weis for a few weeks. Mrs. Weatherly was formerly Miss Minnie Myers.

For Miss Orvis

Miss Bess Camp will entertain tomorrow afternoon for Miss Julia Orvis.

At Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Clark entertained at dinner Christmas day the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, her sister, Mrs. Rose Bennett of this city and another sister, Mrs. Frank Daniels and four daughters of Lewiston, Mont., who arrived that day for a visit.

Guest from Chicago.

Mrs. Prescott Clark entertained on Saturday and Sunday Miss Mamie Danielson of Chicago, who left Monday for St. Paul.

To Visit Sister.

Jimmy Castellani is coming from Chicago today to visit his sister Mary in a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rogers. Mary, who came from Chicago last summer under the wing of the Y. M. C. A. to enjoy country life for a time, is still making her home with Mrs. Rogers, who offered to take care of the child through the winter as well as during the two summer weeks. Mary's people in the city, who have a large family to care for, agreed to let her remain and she has been attending school here and enjoying the kind of life a small city has to offer. The brother will make a week's visit.

Christmas in Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. George Elchenberg are home from Freeport where they spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheetz. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sheetz of Savanna were also guests there, taking part in the family gathering.

Riverside Gaiety Club.

The Riverside Gaiety club held its Christmas meeting at the home of Miss Kathryn Stanley Dec. 22. A delightful feature was a Christmas grab bag, and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held with Miss Ruth Helrich.

To Visit Sister.

Mrs. E. L. Kling left yesterday for Russell, Kas., to visit her sister, Mrs. Ira Fleck, who recently lost her husband.

Takes Part in Concert

Mrs. Frank Ballou will sing at the Sunday evening concert at the Baptist church of Amboy the coming Sunday.

RUSS PROVINCE SECEDES, REPORT

Voronezh Declares Its Independence—Ninth Portion to Break From Empire.

ASSEMBLY TO MEET JAN. 2

Social Revolutionaries Threaten to Seize the Government—"Red" Soldiers Won't Fire on Ukrainians—Refuse to March.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Nicholas Bogolavensky, Russian consul at Seattle, announced he had received a cable, sent by way of India, telling of the establishment of a new Russian government at Voronezh, the capital of a province of the same name between Moscow and Rostov-on-Don.

This is the ninth portion of the old Russian empire to declare its independence. The others are Finland, Ukraine, Kuban, Don territory, Orenburg, Siberia, Amur and Caucasus.

Move Peace Meet to Stockholm.
London, Dec. 27.—The social revolutionary majority in the constituent assembly has decided to convoke that body January 2 according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, although the bolshevik government has said that it was determined to prevent the meeting of the assembly independent of its sanction.

M. Borovsky, the bolshevik representative in Stockholm, a dispatch to the Morning Post from the Swedish capital says, confirms reports that Stockholm will be the scene of the continuation of the Russo-German peace negotiations.

He says that the sessions in Stockholm will begin early in January, when all the delegates now at Brest-Litovsk are expected in the Swedish capital.

Bolshevik Power Waning.
There have been occasional assertions in Petrograd dispatches that the influence and power of the bolsheviks was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special dispatches dated from the Russian capital and printed here.

Nearly all make the point in some form that defections from the soldiers' and workmen's organization is growing constantly. Among causes alleged are general lack of authority, the increase of drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

The correspondents cite instances of bolshevik troops refusing to march, declining to attack the Ukrainians and permitting the Cossacks to disarm them without resistance. Fighting, it is said, is the last thing they are willing or intend to do. A hostile spirit is reported to survive among the Baltic sailors and the red guard, but the former are not numerous enough to conquer the Ukrainians and the red guard is largely untrained. It is reported, therefore, that war against the Ukraine probably will not materialize on any serious scale.

Cantonment.

It is said that the reason why several high officials of the United States government continue to pronounce "cantonment" is because they got started that way and are now unable to stop. The president, however, says "cantonment" with the accent on the first syllable. It is worthy of mention that Professor Hunt of Princeton puts it "cantonment," with the accent on the second syllable, thus disagreeing with a former head of that institution and that while the president has the latest revisions of the Century, Webster's, Worcester's, and the Standard dictionaries on his side, Doctor Hunt is backed by Sir James A. Murray's new English and Stormont's dictionaries. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the United States army and government officials insist on "cantonment." The other 50 per cent it may be presumed, follow President Wilson or Doctor Hunt, or give all the pronunciations an equal chance.—Christian Science Monitor.

Costly Things Most Valued.

It is past all controversy that what men desire is and ought to be, most valued.—Miguel De Cervantes.

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FILIPINOS TAKE UP WORK IN GOVERNMENT

REPLACING AMERICANS IN CONDUCTING AFFAIRS OF STATE.

Manila (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—More than half the Americans formerly in the employ of the Philippine government have been retired since July, 1913. There are at present 1200 Americans in the service whereas, four years ago, just before the arrival of the new democratic administration, there were more than 2600.

Meanwhile there has been a steady increase naturally in Filipino employees of the government, the list showing 1000.

The law which permits Americans of long service with the government to retire with a three year pension, ranging from 66 per cent of a year's salary to the full amount, is largely responsible for the number of American retirements which have increased very largely since the law passed. The past year has seen 400 retirements and the previous year saw almost as many more.

The policy of the Harrison administration in training Filipinos as rapidly as possible for responsible posts in the government service has made the successors of these retired Americans almost entirely Filipino. This fact, together with the increasing activities of the government, due to increased prosperity in the islands, is responsible to a very great degree for the big increase in Filipinos in government service.

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KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN.

"Keep the home fires burning," is the refrain of a popular war song, and there is logic and sense in it. "Keep the schools open," is another refrain that should be sung by the American people. This talk of closing the schools to conserve coal. Coal should not be conserved at the expense of the youth of our land, and there are many ways in which coal can be conserved without closing the schools. The schools should be the last resort for saving coal.

A nation of illiterates is threatened if America's schools are closed on account of coal shortage, or for any other reason, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw warns.

Aroused by reports from Boston, Baltimore and elsewhere that schools are greatly extending holiday recesses and may have to close altogether for lack of coal, Doctor Shaw, speaking as chairman of the National Defense Council woman's committee, called upon the women of the nation to "rise and put an end to this menace at once."

She accused American industries of inducing children to leave school and enter mills and factories, and declared sinister influences are at work to undermine America's school progress. Absolutely nothing—coal shortage, war emergency or anything else—is an excuse for closing a single school, Doctor Shaw said.

Pointing out that America's women are helping to fight by enlisting in offices, shops, factories, mills and fields, she declared them privileged to insist that every child labor law be enforced, compulsory school attendance invoked and the buildings kept open and properly heated.

"I beg of them not to forget to watch the schools, to watch them as they never did before, and under no circumstances allow anything to persuade them to consent to having them closed.

"Excuses will be forthcoming in an effort to justify the closing. Even now shortage of coal is being put forward in certain sections for that purpose. Such a contingency can only result in the calamity of throwing on the streets those children who have no comfortable homes and child degeneracy will ensue.

"The industries of the country are making constant inroads on the schools, using every possible argument to induce children to leave and go into factories and mills.

"We have grown accustomed to pleas not to impose upon future generations the burden of a great war debt; but to my mind it is more imperative that we do not jeopardize the democracy for which we are fighting by imposing upon the nation an ignorant and illiterate citizenship which will become a greater menace to the liberties of the people than all the financial debt of war."

A NEW LEADER.

Representative Frederick Huntington Gillett of Massachusetts has taken up the duties of Representative James R. Mann of Illinois, as minority leader of the lower house of congress at Washington; Mr. Gillett has not, however, been formally appointed by his Republican associates to that place. He steps into the leadership partly by seniority and partly by reason of his chairmanship of the Republican steering committee. He is also the ranking minority member of the committee on appropriations, one of the highest posts a Republican can occupy in a Democratic house. Representative Irvine Luther Lenroot of Wisconsin remains as a minority leadership possibility, in case Mr. Mann should retire, and in case, of course, Mr. Lenroot should not in the meantime be elected to the United States senate.

Mr. Gillett has been a member of congress from the fifty-third to the sixty-fifth inclusive. There would be little doubt as to his retaining the minority leadership, if he felt disposed to assume regularly its responsibilities. Speaking of Mr. Gillett's position on the appropriations committee, a bit of surprising news comes in the announcement that Representative John J. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman of that committee, is about to resign from congress. Mr. Fitzgerald has been a member of the house for nearly nineteen years and has been chairman of the appropriations committee, second only in importance to the ways and means committee, since 1910. He has been recognized as the dean of the Tammany delegation, although not its titular leader. His relations with the administration have not of late been free from friction.

THE ANTI-SUBMARINE GAME.

Thousands and thousands of suggestions have been offered the government for beating the submarine," says the Freeport Journal-Standard. Most of them are valueless. Some seemed so plausible that months ago the warmest expectations were aroused. But so far, no magic device has been invented, and probably none will be.

Perhaps the most interesting and novel suggestion was that a steel net to be stretched from Scotland to Norway to hold the U-boats within the North Sea. Some very practical scientific men said it was wholly feasible. But it was negated by the idea that the U-boats could carry heavy cutters that would make a hole through any size of steel mesh. Of course storms would create a tremendous strain and it would be a big job to keep the net in place for that long distance.

Many sound propositions have been advanced for making merchant vessels non-sinkable. Doubling the number of water-tight bulkheads would be a great protection. The objection is that it takes a good deal longer to build such ships. Probably it is better policy to build as many ships as possible and trust to other means of defense.

The one best reliance is the destroyer fleet. The faster these are built, the hotter the seas will become for the U-boats. The reduction in number of sinkings of merchant ships is due mostly to the help given by American destroyers. They are fast and agile, can turn so quickly in the water that it is very difficult for the U-boats to get them. They draw little water and torpedoes usually go under them even if aimed correctly.

The hydroairplane is a tremendous help. When the water is calm it can see a submarine as far below the water as the U-boat dares go. With plenty of destroyers and waterplanes, the submarine will be beaten for good.

The Questionnaire holds no terror for a married man. He lives with one all the time.



ABE MARTIN

"Fightin' with food ought t' be very effective if th' soldiers learn t' throw th' bakin' powder biscuits straight enough," said Late Bud t' day. Give him it quits hurtin'.

CURRENT COMMENT

New York Globe and Commercial

If congress had adopted the daylight saving plan last spring hundreds of thousands of tons of coal would have been saved. Turning the clock an hour forward saved 300,000 tons in England last summer. Our saving would have been three times as great. Twelve foreign countries: England, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Australia and Portugal have profited by adopting daylight saving. They have found that not only is it worth while as a means of conserving the fuel supply, but that the extra hour of daylight provides for recreation outdoors. Daylight saving involves no disarrangement of any kind to put it into effect. The daylight bill at the last session passed the senate unanimously but was held up in the interstate commerce committee of the house. Railway and ferry schedules would remain the same. Now that the need of conserving every possible resource is plain, the house committee is plain, the house committee delay.

DEATH UNDER WHEELS

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last saw Mr. Hall alive on Monday evening. He had gone to West Brooklyn for a little jollification on Christmas eve, but the constable says that when he left the town he was not drunk. He evidently carried whisky with him, however, and started down the track to walk to Compton.

It is believed by the West Brooklyn constable that Hall started drinking after he left West Brooklyn, and when he got about a mile from the town he laid down in the weeds by the side of the C. B. & Q. rails, and slept there all Monday night, all day Tuesday, and all Tuesday night. That he was not frozen to death was due to the presence of a large amount of whisky in his system, according to the statements.

The place where the man lay sleeping in the weeds and grass was found, and a couple of broken whisky bottles, and his mittens, were found there. It is believed that he became sufficiently revived Wednesday morning to stagger to his feet as the passenger train came along, or before that time, and lurched over onto the tracks and under the wheels.

Reared Near Paw Paw.

Lewis Hall had lived in the southeastern part of Lee county for a great many years. He was an orphan, and was taken by a family at Paw Paw and reared, and had spent his life working as a farm hand around on various farms in the vicinity. He was well liked.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Samuel J. Whetston of Steward is in Compton today conducting an inquest into the manner of the man's death.

HOUSEWIVES.

We have a supply of white paper for the pantry shelves and bureau drawers. B. F. Shaw Printing Co.

THE EDISON PHONOGRAPH

There will be an increase in Edison Phonographs and Blue Amberol Records January 1. Make your selections this week and save from 5 to 10 per cent. This will be the first raise Edison has made since the war started.

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Men Are So Queer

Tom was terribly annoyed," said the young woman with the fluffy hair and the hint of a baby stare. "It is perfectly funny the way a man acts just because he is your husband—did you ever notice it?"

"It is, indeed!" said the others in chorus.

"How was I to know that sensible business men would take me so seriously?" pursued the fluffy young woman. "I thought they were supposed to have discernment and sense. At least, Tom is always preaching about their superiority in that respect. Tom explained to me very carefully before we went to the automobile show last month that we couldn't afford it, considering my hatbills and his cigars and the notes coming due on the house we bought last year. I am sure I had it all perfectly clear in my mind, so I am positive I was not to blame.

"But did you ever notice what perfectly fascinating young men they put in charge of the exhibition cars at an automobile show?"

"I should say I have noticed them!" said the brunette girl.

"And, anyhow, Tom had no business to run across two college friends, the minute we got inside the show and pay so much attention to them that he couldn't pay any attention to me! Those three would cluster together over a chassis with a lot of crazy machinery stuck on it and talk like mad. So I simply had to do something to kill time."

"Of course you did!" agreed the others.

"So when at the first booth a good-looking man who saw me studying a touring car asked me if I was interested, I said I was. Then he was just as nice as could be. He told me everything about the car and made me get in it and explained just how I could run it myself and wanted my address to send me a catalog. He said he'd be pleased to come out some day with the car and show me how it ran and give me a lesson. He was so set on coming that I hated to hurt his feelings, so I did not refuse.

"It was just the same way at the next place and ever after. Tom and his friends were so busy over horrid old machinery that I was considerably left out. However, I made lots of friends among the agents.

"All of them wanted to bring out their cars to demonstrate to me how superior they were and, as I told one man he could come, it didn't seem a bit fair to the others to refuse any of them, so I said I'd be delighted. It had occurred to me that I owed a terrible lot of calls and that it would be such a nice way to get around and pay them.

"I didn't think it necessary to mention the matter to Tom. He did remark that a huge lot of catalogs was coming to our house and it was a wonder where those fellows got people's names and, anyhow, thank goodness, he didn't have a machine eating its head off and making him poor! Men are so selfish.

"The Zero automobile man came out the very day after the show closed and we had a beautiful ride. I made six calls. However, I quite changed my opinion of him, because when I came out of the last place he seemed actually cross and said things about waiting in cold weather. I don't see how he expects to sell cars without showing a little consideration for customers. I told him I didn't think I liked his car at all.

"Then there was the Largo car man and the Allegro man and the Fortissimo man and the Solendiferous man and about six different electric companies, and a lot more whose names I forget. When they came one at a time it was lovely.

"I did two teas one afternoon in the Largo car, but the man lost his temper, and when I came from the second tea the wretched creature had driven off and I had to go home on the street car.

"The queer thing was that every one seemed so indignant when I refused to give an order for a car and said things about my leading them on. The worst of it was that Tom came home ill with the grip one afternoon just as seven different cars arrived all at once to take me out! He said he thought I was giving a funeral or a tea.

"When he understood—my dears, have you ever seen a man suffering from bad temper and grip simultaneously?"

"I explained to him most carefully that it wasn't my fault at all, but he roared that he was ashamed to look a man in the face from that time on for fear he was one of the automobile agents I had shamefully deceived—yes, that's what he called it—and that he'd like to know what women had in place of consciences, anyhow. What do you think of that? Aren't men utterly queer?"

"They surely are!" the other young married women agreed. "When you hadn't done one single thing, either."

The Borrower.

Mrs. Flatbush—"Who is that woman you just bowed to?"

Mrs. Bensonhurst—"Oh, she's my next door neighbor."

"But she didn't return your bow."

"No; she never returns anything."

Perfectly Plain.

"Why do you dislike your teacher so, Willie?"

"I don't exactly dislike her, but it's perfectly plain to me why she never got married."

Mrs. A. C. Scott and son Byron of Hardwick, Minn., have returned to their home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monahan on Lincoln Way. Mrs. Scott is a sister of Mrs. Monahan.

CITY IN BRIEF

Miss Bertha Brass returned to her home in Dubuque, Ia., yesterday after a holiday visit in this city with her mother.

A box of engraved calling cards. See samples at the Evening Telegraph office.

Ernest Suggett is not recovering as rapidly as was expected from injuries he received when a trunk fell on him at the Northwestern depot Monday night.

Mrs. Everett Dutcher is home from Rockford for a short visit with relatives and friends.

"Before going to bed, I always rub a little Parisian Sage into my scalp," says a woman whose luxurious hair is greatly admired. This cures dandruff, stops itching scalp and keeps the hair from falling out. Guaranteed by Rowland Bros.

Mrs. M. J. McGowan has gone to Sycamore, where she will visit at the McAllister home.

U. G. Fuhs of route 8 was in Dixon today.

Frank Vail left today for Colorado Springs, where he will spend the winter for the benefit of his health.

BUTTER 75 CENTS IN EAST

Profiteers Blamed for High Price in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—Butter sold at 75 cents a pound in New York. Profiteers were blamed.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

EXTRA Large 10-inch Disc Graphophone Records 25c

SPECIAL 14-Quart Bread Raisers

Galvanic, Maple City or White Flyer Soap, 10 bars for 45c

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One whole table of 10c

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Kramer's 5c, 10c & 25c Store

The Store for Real Bargains

WIT AND NEAR WIT.

"Marriage is a lottery," said the philosopher.

"In that case," commented the poor misanthrope, "the anti-gambling laws are not enforced as they ought to be."—Washington Evening Star.

Patience—"You know she did want to get married for years."

Patience—"She should have used the right kind of bait."

"She did."

"And didn't he bite?"

"He did—the poor fish!"—Yonkers Statesman.

"It takes you a long time to sell that lady a cage for her parrot."

"I'm doing the best I can," said the clerk.

"Our stock is large. Can't you suit her?"

"I think I could suit her, but she's trying to get the parrot to make a selection."

Miss Christine Squires left today for New York City.

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—Look at the little yellow tag on your paper, and if in arrears send draft or postoffice order for the amount due.

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Deposit a small amount weekly in our Christmas Savings Club and you will accumulate a sum sufficient for your requirements. You will get a generous check for your savings just before Christmas when you need it most.

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HOME OF THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

U. S. TAKES OVER THE RAILROADS; M'ADOO DIRECTOR

President Announces That He Will Assume Control of Carriers on Friday.

ACTION IS WAR MEASURE

Income of the Last Three Years Pledged to Lines—Executive Will Ask Congress for Legislation to Buttress Finances of Roads Against Depreciation.

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Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson announced that he would take over the American railroads at noon Friday.

William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, was named by him as railroad dictator.

The president will go before congress after that body reconvenes January 3 and ask for legislation to buttress the finances of the roads against any depreciation in value due to the change.

The action was taken as a war measure.

Williams to Be Executive Officer.

Mr. McAdoo's official title will be director general of railroads. The administrative head of the railroads under Mr. McAdoo will be John Skelton Williams, now controller of the currency. Although Mr. Williams' name is not mentioned in the formal announcement given out at the White House, it is reported by high authority that he will be the chief executive officer in the operation of the roads.

Text of Proclamation.

The text of the president's proclamation taking over the railroads follows: "Whereas, the congress of the United States, in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them, by joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives, bearing date April 6, 1917, resolved:

Quotes Declaration of War.

"That the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government, which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared; and that the president be and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial German government;

"And by joint resolution, bearing date of December 7, 1917, resolved:

"That a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government.

Takes Possession of Roads.

"And, whereas, it is provided by Section 1 of the act approved August 29, 1916, entitled, 'An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes' as follows:

"The president, in time of war, is empowered, through the secretary of war, to take possession and assume control of any system or systems of transportation, or any part thereof, and to utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary of all other traffic thereon, for the transfer or transportation of troops, war material and equipment, or for such other purposes connected with the emergency as may be needful or desirable.

"And whereas, it has now become necessary in the national defense to take possession and assume control of certain systems of transportation and to utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary of other than war traffic thereon, for the transportation of troops, war material and equipment thereof, and for other needful and desirable purposes connected with the prosecution of the war;

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, under and by virtue of the powers vested in me by the foregoing resolutions and statute, and by virtue of all other powers thereto me enabling, do hereby, through Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, take possession and assume control at 12 o'clock noon on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1917, of each

and every system of transportation and the appurtenances thereof located wholly or in part within the boundaries of the continental United States and consisting of railroads, and owned or controlled systems of coastwise and inland transportation, engaged in general transportation, whether operated by steam or by electric power, including also terminals, terminal companies and terminal associations, sleeping and parlor cars, private cars and private car lines, elevators, warehouses, telegraph and telephone lines and all other equipment and appurtenances commonly used upon or operated as a part of such rail or combined rail and water systems of transportation—to the end that such systems of transportation be utilized for the transfer and transportation of troops, war material and equipment, to the exclusion so far as may be necessary of all other traffic thereon, and that so far as such exclusive use be not necessary or desirable, such systems of transportation be operated and utilized in the performance of such other services as the national interest may require and the usual and ordinary business and duties of common carriers.

"It is hereby directed that the possession, control, operation and utilization of such transportation systems hereby by me undertaken shall be exercised by and through William G. McAdoo, who is hereby appointed and designated director general of railroads. Said director may perform the duties imposed upon him, so long and to such extent as he shall determine, through the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of said systems of transportation.

"Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time by general or special orders otherwise provide, the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of the various transportation systems shall continue the operation thereof in the usual and ordinary course of the business of common carriers, in the names of their respective companies.

"Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time otherwise by general or special orders determine, such systems of transportation shall remain subject to all existing statutes and orders of the interstate commerce commission and to all statutes and orders of regulating commissions of the various states in which said systems or any part thereof may be situated. But any orders, general or special, hereafter made by said director, shall have paramount authority and be obeyed as such.

"Nothing herein shall be construed as now affecting the possession, operation and control of street electric passenger railways, including railways commonly called interurbans, whether such railways be or be not owned or controlled by such railroad companies or systems.

"The director shall as soon as may be after having assumed such possession and control enter upon negotiations with the several companies looking to agreements for just and reasonable compensation for the possession, use and control of their respective properties on the basis of an annual guaranteed compensation, above accruing depreciation and the maintenance of their properties, equivalent, as nearly as may be, to the average of the net operating income thereof for the three-year period ending June 30, 1917—the results of such negotiations to be reported to me for such action as may be appropriate and lawful.

Protects Stockholders.

"But nothing herein contained, expressed or implied, or hereafter done or suffered hereunder shall be deemed in any way to impair the rights of the stockholders, bondholders, creditors and other persons having interests in said systems of transportation or in the profits thereof, to receive just and adequate compensation for the use and control and operation of their property hereby assumed.

"Regular dividends hitherto declared, and maturing interest upon bonds, debentures and other obligations, may be paid in due course, and such regular dividends and interest may continue to be paid until and unless the said director shall from time to time otherwise by general or special orders determine; and, subject to the approval of the director, the various carriers may agree upon and arrange for the renewal and extension of maturing obligations.

"From and after twelve o'clock on said 28th day of December, 1917, all transportation systems included in this order and proclamation shall conclusively be deemed within the possession and control of said director without further act or notice. But for the purpose of accounting said possession and control shall date from twelve o'clock midnight on December 31, 1917.

"In witness whereof I have hereupon set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"WOODROW WILSON.

"NEWTON D. BAKER,

"Secretary of War.

"ROBERT LANSING,

"Secretary of State."

ROADS BACK WILSON MOVE

Officials Ready to Co-Operate With President—Better War Service.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Chicago railroad heads promised full co-operation with the federal authorities when informed of President Wilson's announcement of taking over the operation of all continental lines.

Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, said:

"We had an interview with President Wilson two weeks ago, and he told us then that he had made up his mind to take over control of the nation's railroads. He explained that he intended to do just what he states in his proclamation.

"Railroad men are not surprised at the move. We have been given to understand that the change will not affect the management of the rail-

roads.

"It will enable the nation to get better war service from them, however because the government is not subject to the restraints of the Sherman law, which has prevented us from consolidating or combining our facilities. One of the great purposes of the president's step was to permit this.

"It is expected now that we will be able to get greater capacity under the unified control.

"As a member of the railroad war board, I am going back to Washington today. We expect to plunge in immediately to carry out the ideas of the president as he directs."

Marvin Hughitt, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, promised:

"We shall co-operate with President Wilson to the fullest extent."

STATEMENT BY WILSON

President's Reasons for Taking Over Control of Roads.

Drastic Action Necessary for Complete Mobilization of Resources—Private Management Failed.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The president issued the following statement explaining his taking over the railroads: "I have exercised the powers over the transportation systems of the country which were granted me by the act of congress of August, 1916, because it has become imperatively necessary for me to do so.

"This is a war of resources no less than of men, perhaps even more than of men, and it is necessary for the complete mobilization of our resources that the transportation systems of the country should be organized and employed under a single authority and a simplified method of co-ordination which have not proved possible under private management and control.

"The committee of railway executives who have been co-operating with the government in this all-important matter have done the utmost that it was possible for them to do; have done it with patriotic zeal and with great ability, but there were difficulties that they could neither escape nor neutralize.

"The public interest must be first served, and in addition, the financial interests of the government and the financial interests of the railways must be brought under a common direction. The financial operations of the railways need not then interfere with the borrowings of the government and they themselves can be conducted at a greater advantage.

"Investors in railway securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be as scrupulously looked after by the government as they could be by the directors of the several railway systems.

"Immediately upon the reassembling of congress, I shall recommend that these definite guarantees be given:

"First, of course, that the railway properties will be maintained during the period of federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as when taken over by the government, and;

"Second, that the roads shall receive a net operating income, equal in each case to the average net income of the three years preceding June 30, 1917; and I am entirely confident that the congress will be disposed in this case, as in others to see that justice is done and full security assured to the owners and creditors of the great systems which the government must now use under its own direction or else suffer serious embarrassment.

"The secretary of war and I are agreed that, all the circumstances being taken into consideration, the best results can be obtained under the immediate executive administration of the Honorable William McAdoo, whose practical experience peculiarly fits him for the service and whose authority as secretary of the treasury will enable him to co-ordinate as no other man could, the many financial interests which will be involved and which might, unless systematically directed, suffer very embarrassing entanglements.

"Great national necessity dictated the action and I was therefore not at liberty to abstain from it.

"WOODROW WILSON."

RUSS FREE U. S. RAIL MAN

Arrest of C. S. Smith of St. Louis Was Due to Mistake.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—Charles S. Smith of St. Louis, a member of the American railway commission in Russia, who was arrested recently at Tselin, Siberia, was released after a few hours of detention, according to advices, reaching the American embassy here. His arrest was due to a mistake, owing to the fact that he was in the company of former Assistant Minister of Railways Oustrougoff, a Kerensky adherent.

AMBOY

Dec. 24.—Fran Rooney of Great Lakes Naval training station, came Saturday to spend the week with his grandmother, Mrs. Kate Kehoe. His father, John Rooney of Chicago, also spent the week end at the Kehoe home.

Mrs. Julia Cullar has moved from her farm to the home of her brother, Charles Smith, until spring. She has purchased the Mrs. Margaret Lewis house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tilton.

Lieut. W. H. Morley of Ottawa was a recent guest of his grandmother, Mrs. B. B. Howard.

Mrs. D. J. Norton and son Edmund and Miss Frances McGrath of Chicago, sister.

TEACHERS IN MEETING

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council, followed by a banquet. At an evening meeting, Prof. W. C. Bagley of Columbia university, formerly of the University of Illinois, will read the leading paper on the general subject, "What Principles Should Govern the Construction of Normal Curricula?"

At the evening general session tomorrow night in representatives' hall at the state house, Prof. W. R. Hatfield, president of the association, will deliver his annual address.

Also at the meeting, Governor Lowden will present three flags to the three prize winning schools in Illinois which took part successfully in the second liberty bond selling contest promoted by the women's committee of the state council of defense. The schools to receive the honor are Willard high school of Chicago, Madison high school of Quincy and the Payson, Ill., high school.

Hugh S. Magill, Jr., chairman of the legislative committee, will make a report, and Dr. Elwood Chappell Perisho, president of South Dakota State College, will speak on "The School and the State."

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—A new system of transacting business is being put into operation by the Illinois State Teachers' association which will open formally its sixty-fourth annual session here tonight. Under an amendment to the constitution at last year's meeting, all business is to be taken care of by delegates, selected from the ten state divisions in proportion to the membership of the divisions, and not by the entire enrollment as heretofore. The change in the constitution was ratified by every division within the year. The change in method was brought about by the unwieldiness of the mass organization.

With Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public instruction, as presiding officer, the Normal School council was ready for its regular session at 3:45 p. m., and plans were complete for the banquet and speaking tonight at this section of the larger organization. Presidents of the Illinois State Normal schools are to have part in the afternoon meeting, when Dr. W. C. Bagley of Columbia university was prepared to discuss what subjects should be taught in teachers' preparatory schools.

Tonight, Dr. Elwood Chappell Perisho, president of South Dakota State college, will speak on "The School and the State." This session will be held in representatives' hall at the capitol.

CHICAGO MARKETS

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Thursday, Dec. 27.

Corn—

Dec 127 1/2 126 3/4 127 1/2 127 1/2

May 124 1/2 125 124 1/2 124 1/2

Oats—

Dec 80 80 77 1/2 78 1/2

May 76 1/2 76 1/2 75 1/2 75 1/2

Receipts today—

Hogs 52,000, 15 to 20c lower, Top 1710.

Cattle 21,000, Steady.

Sheep 16,000, 10c lower.

Estimated tomorrow—

Hogs 36,000.

Cattle 10,000.

Sheep 12,000.

go, and Mrs. J. H. Enright and two children of El Paso were guests at the T. Rankin home Christmas.

Roy Dewey, a brakeman on the C. & Q. railroad with headquarters at Galesburg, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dewey, in shift city.

Miss Jennie Holland of Chicago was a guest of her sisters, Mrs. John Curtin and Mrs. Ed Underwood during the week end.

Miss Kertz of Mendota is caring for Mrs. Eno Aschenbrenner at the C. Aschenbrenner home on Division street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Berryman and daughter Marjorie are spending the holidays in Apple River.

Mrs. Anna Davis of Dixon was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Estey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hogan of Freeport spent Sunday at the Hogan home here.

Oscar Tedwall of Sterling, Col., was at the home of his brother, Fred Tedwall, to ra week.

Wallace Vaughn of the U. of I. is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughn.

A force of men last week cut ice on the J. A. Edwards pond.

Lieut. Fred Vaughn was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Vaughn, Sunday.

Miss Emma McKeever of Chicago is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McKeever.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Egan had their son Frank of South America for a few days' visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leake are the parents of a son born Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien spent Sunday at Dimick.

An Ostrander is employed in the Aschenbrenner pharmacy.

Misses Janetta Rocho and Rachel Smith of Oberlin college are here for their vacation.

Mrs. W. B. Dewey has her sister, Mrs. Anna Heagy of Aurora, visiting her during the holidays.

The funeral of Mrs. Peter Berogan was held Saturday from the Baptist church, with interment at Prairie Rest cemetery.

Joe Ringenberg, who is stationed at Camp Grant, was the recipient of a patchwork quilt and pillow, a gift from Mrs. D. Bull of this city, who is 87 years of age and anxious to do her bit for a soldier of the U. S. The gift was sent to some Amboy boy and turned over to Mr. Ringenberg.

Miss Marie O'Hearn went to Clinton, Ia., last week to reside with her sister.

"After-Christmas" Sale Women's Apparel

Everybody knows that it is wise to buy for future use whenever possible—for it is certain that the trend of prices will be upward rather than downward as long as the war lasts. That is why we strongly advise your taking advantage of this money-saving chance to the greatest possible extent. You'll make money by spending it here during this sale.



COATS

Most Favored Styles in Coats—A smart collection—coats with a swing and poise about them that have made them great favorites—made of desirable materials—Pom Pom, Bolivia, Plush, Broadcloth, Burella and mixtures—your choice

\$14.95, \$19.50, \$25.00, \$32.50

DRESSES

At Truly Worth While Savings—Three exceptional groups of pretty new dresses of fine Serges and Silk embracing new features of such as lace, bead or braid effects, at the following prices—

\$8.75, \$10.75, \$15.75

After-Christmas Sale of Furs

Even the Furs share in the drastic price cutting! Though this is a wonderfully fine showing of the season's finest and most popular Furs, comprising every sort that in the height of fashion, including nutria, beaver, taupe fox, seal and many others, both single pieces and sets at one-fourth off.

Grepe Georgette Waists

Also Crepe de Chines, in white, flesh and suit shades, including both plain tailored and fillet lace trimmed styles—all sizes 36 to 44—\$5 values, choice at \$3.50.

MILLINERY

At Ridiculously Small Prices—\$1.98—\$4.98—\$5.98

A. L. Geisenheimer & Co.



A Heart-To-Heart Talk

We are desirous of giving the buying public of this vicinity the final chance of a lifetime to get articles of FURNITURE, and by as doing to dispose of the balance of our stock in the shortest possible time, and we submit to you the following deep-cut prices:—

Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12, \$22.25 quality, for	\$17.85
Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12, \$19.25 quality, for	15.65
Axminster Rugs, 9x12, \$35.00 quality, for	28.25
Axminster Rugs, 9x12, \$32.00 quality, for	25.50
Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12, \$30.00 quality, for	24.75
Grass Rugs, 9x12, \$11.00 quality, for	8.95
Fibre Rugs, 9x12, \$8.50 quality, for	6.45
Vernis Martin Beds, regular price \$9.50, for	6.95
Other Beds, regular price \$7.00, for	4.85
Mattresses, regular price \$5.00, for	3.75
Felt Mattresses, regular price \$14.00, for	9.95
Bed Springs, regular price \$7.50, for	5.50
Oak Dining Chairs, box seat, regular \$16.50 set, for	13.50
Other Dining Chairs, regular \$12.50 sets, for	10.50
Cedar Chest, regular \$12.50 quality, for	9.75
Golden Oak Buffet, regular price \$34.00, for	27.75
Fumed Oak Buffet, regular price \$32.50, for	26.85
Golden Oak Serving Table, regular price \$14.00, now	9.75
Large Rockers, quartered oak, regular price \$9.00, for	6.50
Stack Globe-Wernicke Sectional Bookcases, regular price \$20.00, now	15.00
Mahogany Bedroom Chairs, regular price \$5.50, now	3.95
Walnut Bedroom Suite, comprised of Bed, Dresser, Dressing Table and Chiffonier, regular price \$88.00, now	69.95

We also have a stock of different shades of hand-painted shade cloth, and are prepared to make one shade or re-shade your entire house, and you will do well to get yours before prices advance again.

We have many other bargains besides those above mentioned, and you should take advantage of this golden opportunity to get FURNITURE at prices that on many of the articles mentioned represent the actual wholesale cost.

Yours for mutual benefit,

MOYER'S Furniture Store

HELP SAVE THIS LAD'S LIFE



American soldiers by the hundred thousand are now in Europe preparing to fight America's battle for liberty against the Kaiser's barbarians. Some of our lads have already made the great sacrifice for you and me. We must support our army by joining the Red Cross at once.

COME ACROSS—IT'S YOUR DUTY

Remember Horrors of War-Torn Europe and Think of Safety and Comfort Here—Then Join the Red Cross.

The good people of this community once more commemorate the nativity of the Christ Child with merry-making and gifts.

Ours is a prosperous community. None of us is likely to suffer this winter for want of food, clothing or shelter, though high prices and certain forced economies will make us realize the United States is at war thousands of miles away. A few of us who have given our boys to the nation may lose them. But generally speaking, we shall feel perfectly secure, and when we stop to think about it, we shall thank God more or less heartily for his blessings.

Over in France, which has a total population of about 35,000,000, probably 3,000,000 are in the army fighting off the invader. About 3,000,000 more—mostly women and children—are absolutely down and out. They are a part of the inhabitants of the great industrial district devastated by the German savages. Now these people are homeless, hungry, naked and sick. At least half of them have tuberculosis, with scarcely a fighting chance for life. The whole of France is making unheard of sacrifices to save the nation.

Poor little Belgium is a wreck—a dying wreck. Her small army has been practically exterminated. Her boys and old men have been shot down in cold blood by the Kaiser's heroes. Her daughters have been dragged into slavery worse than death. Her babies have been impaled on bayonets and nailed to barn doors by playful Teutonic soldiers. About all that is left of Belgium is her deathless spirit.

And Serbia. Serbia is now but a name in history. A nation become a slaughter pen and charnel house. A people wiped clean off the earth.

What has been said of France applies equally to Italy, Roumania and Russian Poland.

Europe has been a hell of suffering and grief for three years. What have the last three years meant to the United States? Prosperity and peace.

Today all stricken Europe is uttering that age-old lamentation, "Out of the depths, Oh Lord, have I cried unto Thee; Lord hear my voice." And the American Red Cross is the instrument through which Providence is answering the prayer.

The Red Cross is "over there" now, performing a labor of mercy and paying a debt of fellowship on a scale never before known. But it must have your help and mine in order to carry on its vast enterprise in the name of humanity. So the organization is campaigning the nation for 15,000,000 members.

Every man, woman and child in this community ought to belong to the Red Cross. The membership fee is \$1.00. Another dollar brings the member the Red Cross Magazine for a year.

Every \$1.00 or \$2.00 membership helps just so much to back up our American boys in khaki—helps just so much to take the frightful curse from the lives of millions of homeless, starving, freezing, diseased mothers and babies in devastated France, Serbia, Belgium, Poland and Roumania.

The finest Christmas gift you can make is a Red Cross membership. Don't fail to come across to Christmas eve!

Send \$2.00 for a year's subscription to The Evening Telegraph by mail. This is less than 1 cent a day. It contains all the important news of the world. Send for sample copy that you may see just what kind of a paper we publish.

The little Want Ads, two insertions at 25 cents each, do the business. Want Ads are without question the most inexpensive advertising that ever man invented. They were made for you to use. Use them.

COMPTON

Dec. 26—Wilder and Robert Richardson are home from Champaign for the holidays.

Miss Laura Donough of Earlville spent Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Cain.

Dr. C. G. Poole went to Chicago on Tuesday evening to see his little daughter, who is under the care of a specialist.

Miss Flora Seals and Miss Fannetta Thompson are spending the vacation with relatives at Dixon and Scarborough.

Miss Laura Archer visited a few days last week with her friends in Amboy.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hamaker of Chana and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Florscheutz and family were guests at the home of their parents on Christmas day.

Ralph Carnahan and Glenn Clemmons were home from Rockford for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradshaw motored to LaSalle on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Englehart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Krimm and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. H. Cupp and family were guests at the L. W. Kutter home Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Haefner entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. Krebs and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. Mannon Jr. and son Irwin Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Thompson are spending the holidays with relatives at Charleston, Ill.

Fred Betz of Oswego was here last week.

Mrs. Edna Cole and children and Dennis Bradshaw spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller at Waukegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kerrigan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gresham of Chicago over Christmas.

Louis Knauer and lady friend of Aurora spent Christmas at the home of J. Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bennet and daughter Bertha, Allen Hutchinson and daughter Olive of Dixon and Ansan Hutchinson of Spokane, Wash. were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Bennet on last Wednesday.

Lafe Carnahan and daughter Margaret enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hartshorn at Nelson.

Among those who motored to Mendota Christmas night were Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Argraves and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Carnahan.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ogden Sunday, Dec. 23, weight 6 1/2 pounds.

Mrs. McCann and daughter Ada of Chicago are guests at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. D. Shong this week.

A homecoming baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webber attended the funeral of Frank Kessler Wednesday at Earlville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Florscheutz are the proud parents of an eight and a half pound baby boy, born Thursday, Dec. 20.

Stanley Banks is here to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holden of Marble Rock, Ia., have been visiting in Compton and vicinity for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Bennet entertained their son Ed and wife of Tampico Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Holden returned from Tonica on Saturday evening.

The pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. Ross and family of Chicago, are spending the holiday week here with friends.

B. J. Holden and family are here from Princeton for a few days' visit with relatives.

A pound of butter brought \$5.65 among the various articles sold at the Red Cross auction at Marble Rock, Ia., recently. The butter, which was made by Mrs. C. E. Eberstadt, is to be sent to President Wilson.

Mrs. Eberstadt will be remembered here as Miss Katherine Sweet, whose place of home was in the vicinity of Compton.

Chester Carnahan and Ivan Miller were home from Camp Grant over Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. Beidermann and family were entertained at supper on Wednesday evening at the Fred Dankas home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout entertained Wm. Stainbrook and family and Chris July and family Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Beemer and Mr. and Mrs. Tullis dined at the Jesse Fox home Christmas.

Mrs. Callie Miller spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Walton and family at Hinckley.

Rev. and Mrs. Ross and son Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Miller and Benj. Cook ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. Nettie Cook.

Wendall Argraves dined at the Len Carnahan home Christmas.

Mrs. Jesse Cady went to Rockford Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Clara Penfield.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Jesse Eddy Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29th.

Mrs. Iva Abell and son Louis and daughter Winnie were here from Aurora to spend Christmas with relatives.

SCARBORO

H. E. Blair of Mendota was in town Friday evening.

C. C. Fisher spent Christmas day in Rockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gutshall and son spent Sunday in Lee, Ill.

Miss Margaret Fuller of Jennings Seminary at Aurora is a guest at the Schoenholz home.

Miss Lucella Grove, a student of Rockville school, came home Friday

morning for holiday vacation. Mr. and Mrs. John Schoenholz were in Dixon Monday.

Meeting at the church each evening this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cave were guests at the Saunders home Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Wigginton and daughters are visiting at the home of George Evers, near Holcomb, Ill.

August Maikles was in La Salle Saturday.

Harold Wigginton is in our vicinity after spending the summer at Marengo, Ill.

Art and Guy Schoenholz were in Mendota Saturday.

Miss Eunice Fisher is spending her vacation near Fairdale, Ill., with the Coe family.

Mary Kirby of Steward is a guest at the W. Herrmann home.

Miss Minnie Butler of Mendota came Monday evening to spend Christmas day with her sister and family, Mrs. Gust Walter.

Jerry Gutshall of Harrisburg, Pa., visited the past week at the home of his son, Elmer Gutshall.

Mr. Wilson of Iowa is visiting at the Jake Goffek home.

Miss Janet Hardy, who attends Dixon high school, came home Saturday morning for holiday vacation.

The Christmas exercises held at Scarborough school house Monday afternoon were very successful and enjoyed by all. Those who attended from out of town were Miss Margaret Fuller of Aurora, Miss Rose of Franklin Grove, Mary Kirby of Steward and Mr. Miller of Naperville, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cave were guests at dinner at the William Dorch home Christmas day.

Thomas Daugherty of Onawa, Iowa, returned home after spending several days with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wormley and daughter Margaret of Dekalb were guests at the P. C. Schoenholz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stauffer of Steward were guests Christmas day at the Allen Straley home.

HARMON

Glen Hopkins of East Grove was here Tuesday.

Thomas P. Long is under the care of a physician.

D. T. Hill shopped in Harmon on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lynn Parker was a Tuesday shopper.

Rev. Moore, the Catholic priest appointed for the Harmon parish, will be here the latter part of the week.

Fred Schulte was in Harmon on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Pohle expect to leave Harmon soon after their sale.

Casper Schulte was here Wednesday on business.

Henry Gelsman was in Harmon on Thursday.

The ladies of Harmon met Thursday at the Heltinger home to form a Red Cross society.

Mrs. James Ryan shopped in Harmon Thursday.

John Couding will move to the Harris farm in Nelson which Hugh Blackburn has farmed for a number of years. Hugh Blackburn will move to the Thomas Dorch farm in Marion near Waterloo, Ia., end of March.

Frank Schulte was in Harmon on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schulte were in town Thursday.

J. B. McCormick was here Friday on business.

Mr. Behrendt and his men have been busy the past few days repairing the Neola elevator.

The German Lutherans held a meeting at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon.

Willie Kugler, who attends school at Dubuque, Ia., is home for the holidays.

Benjamin Jacobs, who resides in Marion, was here Monday.

Joan Camery is now living with his grandparents on the farm.

W. E. Hopkins was here from Harmon Monday.

Scarcity of coal still prevails in Harmon and it more is anticipated in soon the schools may be compelled to close.

Chris Smith of Nelson was here Monday.

Thomas McIntyre Sr. was a Harmon caller Monday.

Mrs. Forbes stopped here Monday.

Lewis Bontz was here from East Grove Monday.

Roy Brooks was in town Monday.

Clarence Durr expects to sell out his stock of goods and return to the farm. His mother is talking of moving to Sterling to be near her daughter.

It is believed the wharf, which has been damaged by the early hard freeze.

James Lally of Marion was here Monday.

Frank Swartz was here Monday.

Hugh Sweeney of Marion was here Monday.

Thomas Durr was in Monday from his farm.

R. W. Long was in Harmon Monday.

J. B. Long was in town Monday.

Samuel Elkin of Hamilton was in Harmon Monday.

Charles Gerdes was a caller here Monday.

George Smith was a Monday caller in town.

James Morrissey did business here Monday.

M. A. Watson was here from East Grove Monday.

Edward Mannon was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Henry Roark of Hamilton was here Monday shopping.

James Frank was a Monday business caller.

BAKER TOLD TO ACT

Senate Body Orders Clothes Rushed to Army.

Gen. O'Ryan Says Great Need of War Is Artillery—Urges Heavier Clothing for Men Abroad.

Washington, Dec. 27.—First-hand information about the equipment and training of America's fighting men in France and in training camps at home was given the senate military committee by Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commanding the New York National Guard division at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., recently returned from an observation tour abroad.

Before the general took the stand the committee, on resuming its investigation of war preparations after a short Christmas recess, sent to the war department a resolution urging that immediate steps be taken without regard to departmental routine to supply deficiencies of winter clothing to men in the camps. The action was based on late reports reaching the committee as well as on evidence heard last week.

Most of General O'Ryan's testimony, particularly that referring to conditions at the front, was heard in executive session. He was questioned for three hours with the doors closed, but the public was given an opportunity to hear him for an hour, during which he discussed chiefly the situation at home. General O'Ryan said his men were adequately equipped for training, though not for fighting, and that he would like to see them have two more months of training before they went to the front.

He told the committee that the great need of the war was artillery, and recommended that the troops abroad be supplied with winter clothing of heavier quality.

FRENCH SILENCE FOE'S GUNS

Counter-Fire Put Step to Bombardment in Bezonvaux Sector.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The official report issued by the war office says that on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the energetic reply of the French batteries put an end to a vigorous bombardment in the region of Bezonvaux.

In the region of St. Quentin and in Upper Alsace French patrols penetrated German trenches and brought back prisoners.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—There was increased artillery fire east of Ypres, on the Belgian front, and near Mouyres and Maroing, on the Cambrai front. It was officially announced by the German war office, French detachments reconnoitering south of Juvincourt were repulsed after hand-to-hand fighting.

London, Dec. 27.—"There was nothing special to report" on the British front in France yesterday, says the official statement issued by the war office.

11 BIG BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

Only One Vessel Under 1,500 Tons Lost During Week.

London, Dec. 27.—The losses to British shipping show a material decrease for the last week. According to the admiralty report 11 British merchantmen of 1,000 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage and one fishing vessel.

Rome, Dec. 27.—The losses to Italian shipping during the last week from submarines were three steamers of more than 1,500 tons, two sailing vessels of more than 100 tons and one sailing vessel of less than 100 tons. Two steamers were damaged by torpedoes and were run ashore, while one sailing vessel was damaged, but was towed into port.

CALL OUT FOR BRICKLAYERS

New Select Machinery Invoked for First Time by Crowder.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The new select machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost Marshal General Crowder made public instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 bricklayers, urgently needed by General Pershing at once. Local boards are called on to examine questionnaires now being returned and report as rapidly as possible on the number of bricklayers of selective age available for service. Only white bricklayers will be taken.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN GERMANY

Starvation and Rioting Reported From Some Towns.

Geneva, Dec. 27.—Features of the German Christmas, according to news from across the frontier, were women and children openly begging in the snow-covered streets for food to appease their hunger and riots in some of the towns. Only the rich enjoyed a good but ordinary dinner, and for this they paid high prices, as much as \$50. Most of the churches in Germany were closed owing to lack of coal.

Ambulance Gift to Pershing.

Paris, Dec. 27.—William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador, and Frederick H. Allen of New York presented an automobile ambulance to Gen. John J. Pershing, the American commander in chief. The donor was Mrs. Edward Breitung of New York.

The Telegraph is the oldest paper in Lee county, now in its sixty-eighth year. The price is \$3.00 a year by mail. In club rates with the Daily Tribune or Herald the price is \$6.40.

GARFIELD SEES COAL POOL

Says Government May Sell Fuel at Reasonable Prices.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Coal distribution problems involved in increased consumption, curtailed transportation facilities and a shortened labor supply due to the draft were explained by Fuel Administrator Dr. Harry A. Garfield to the senate committee on manufactures investigating sugar and fuel shortages.

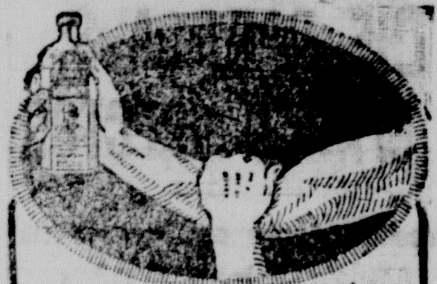
Dr. Garfield told the senate committee that if the war continued very long the government would be compelled to pool coal and sell it at reasonable prices.

Some coal operators, he said, were making the greatest profits in their history, but he considered high prices a stimulus to the great production the war demands.

Private consumers have felt the shortage because the government has come first in its demands, but that rule has been changed in the last few days, Dr. Garfield said.

"We are giving it to the people first now," he said. "With a discontented people we could not make much progress in the war."

For sale—Healo. The best foot powder on the market. Price 25c.



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WANTED—All my patrons and others to call at my new location under Union State Bank after Monday, October 15th, and bring their shoes for repairing. H. Beckingham, 265 124

WANTED. Men, ladies and boys to learn barbering. Big shortage of barbers. Big paying trade. Quickly learned. Position guaranteed. Write for catalog. Tri-City Barber College, Davenport, Ia. 226tf

WANTED. Highest market price paid for all kinds of junk, old iron, rags, rubber, metal, also hides and wool. Trading direct with us means more money for your goods. Call 413 for your orders. S. Rubenstein, 114-118 River St., Dixon. 226tf

WANTED. Washings to do. Mrs. Freda Nearing, 1411 W. Third St. 51tf

WANTED. Everyone troubled with itching, tired feet to try a box of Hecla. For sale by all druggists.

WANTED. All our advertisers to know that the Telegraph is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations. That means honest circulation and the advertiser knows what he is paying for.

WANTED—Everyone that needs their doors and windows fixed with Metal Weather Strips, to call on me at 223 West First St., under Union State Bank. Russell A. Wilhelm. 282 134*

WANTED—A man to care for furnace in the east end of town. Leave your name and address at this office. 304 tf

MEN WANTED—We still have an opening for only a few men in our new wire drawing mill. This is an exceptionally good opportunity for just the right kind of men for the particular work we have to do. While it is light work and guarantees steady employment throughout the year, the scale of wages paid is higher than the average to begin with and with favorable opportunity for rapid advancement. We are giving preference to men from 18 to 35 years of age who through physical disability or on account of dependents are likely to be exempted from the draft. Younger married men located outside of Dixon who apply promptly will be given special encouragement to take up their residence here. The unmarried as well as married men who desire to engage in a line of light work—in reality a trade than can be learned in a few weeks, and that will insure steady work for years, will do well to apply at once by telephone or in person to the Reynolds Wire Co., Dixon, Ill. 304 tf

FOR SALE—Black horse 10 years old, weight 1450; one-horse wagon and two Studebaker Stiff Pull truck wagons. Illinois Northern Utility Co. 287tf

FOR SALE—Desirable building lot; price reasonable. Mrs. George H. Squires, 519 E. 2nd St. Phone 783. 51tf

FOR SALE—Land in northeastern Minnesota, where independence may be had on a few acres by men of moderate means; may even be hewn out of the timber by men whose only asset is their brawn. Wadsworth Co., 525 Temple Court, Minneapolis, Minn. 55tf

FOR SALE—White paper suitable for the picnic supper table. 1c a sheet at this office. tf

FOR SALE—Royal typewriter, brand new, and medium sized safe. Enquire at Telegraph office. 297tf

FOR SALE—Lot No. 1, Bk. 20, G.L. son's Add. to Amboy. For further particulars inquire of Mrs. Eustace Shaw, Phone 992 or No. 5, Dixon, Ill. 109tf

FOR SALE—A modern house; bath, furnace, electric light; in first class condition; a bargain. For further information call at 324 E. First St. tf

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FOR SALE—The Saturday Evening Post. Call Home Phone K-211. Charles LeSage. 51tf

FOR SALE—Artistic oak buffet and easy Turkish chair. Call X615. 41tf

FOR SALE—Country dressed hogs, by whole or half, at reasonable prices. Phone F3. 303 6*

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FOR SALE—Dining room table. James Huft, 411 Van Buren Ave. 304 12*

FOR SALE. Bargain. Full dress evening suit in good condition. See Cummins, the Tailor, 94 Galena Ave. 304 2

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CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RY.
Correct time of all passenger trains leaving Dixon. *Daily except where otherwise specified:
East Bound to Chicago.
No. Lv. Dixon Ar. Chicago
24 6:41 a.m. 9:15 a.m.
6 3:28 a.m. 6:45 a.m.
28 7:23 a.m. dly ex Sun 6:45 a.m.
18 8:05 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
10 11:21 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
20 11:01 a.m. dly ex Sun 2:25 p.m.
4 4:11 p.m. dly ex Sun 7:30 p.m.
100 4:15 p.m. Sun only 7:55 p.m.
12 6:10 p.m. 8:45 p.m.

West Bound.
No. Lv. Chicago Ar. Dixon
5 7:00 a.m. ex Sun 10:20 a.m.
99 7:10 a.m. Sun only 10:26 a.m.
13 10:45 a.m. 1:18 p.m.
19 12:15 p.m. dly ex Sun 3:39 p.m.
27 3:45 p.m. dly ex Sun 7:03 p.m.
11 4:05 p.m. 6:40 p.m.
25 6:10 p.m. 9:04 p.m.
17 9:40 p.m. 12:11 a.m.
7 10:00 p.m. 12:23 a.m.
3 11:20 p.m. 2:16 a.m.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY.
Correct time of all trains leaving Dixon that carry passengers and freight. *Daily. *Daily except Sunday.
South Bound.
119 Local Exp. dly ex Sun 7:20 a.m.
123 Southern Exp. 11:10 a.m.
131 Clinton Exp.* 5:09 p.m.
North Bound.
132 Ft. Dodge Exp.* 9:53 a.m.
124 Local Mail Dly. 5:35 p.m.
120 Local Exp. 8:40 p.m.
Freeport Freight* 12:30 p.m.

TIME THE MAILS CLOSE

The following table shows the time of closing all mail forwarded to the Dixon postoffice. Mail should be in the postoffice ten minutes preceding the locking or closing time to insure its dispatch.

Train	East Mail	Time
No. 6		3:00 a.m.
No. 28		6:55 a.m.
No. 4		3:50 p.m.
No. 12		5:40 p.m.
No. 20		10:40 a.m.
No. 5		9:55 a.m.
No. 13		12:55 p.m.
No. 27		6:40 p.m.
No. 9		8:55 p.m.
No. 15		3:00 a.m.
No. 123		10:40 a.m.
No. 131		4:50 p.m.
No. 132		9:30 a.m.
No. 124		4:50 p.m.

WM. F. HOGAN, Postmaster.
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION—CHANCERY
State of Illinois, Lee County, ss. In the Circuit Court. To January Term, 1918.
Cornelia E. Badger
vs.
Rush D. Badger, et al. In Chancery General No. 3525.

Affidavit of non-residence of Robert Badger impeached with the above defendants, having been filed in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, notice is therefore hereby given to the said non-resident defendants that the complainant filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the Chancery side thereof, on the 7th day of November, 1917, and that thereupon a Summons issued out of said court, returnable on the First Monday in the month of January, A. D. 1918, as is by law required; which cause is now pending and undetermined in said court.

E. S. ROSECRANS, Clerk.
Dixon, Illinois, Nov. 7, 1917.
HARRY EDWARDS, Compt's Sol.

Private ballights are occasionally given by the very rich people in Madrid, and guests are invited to them as they would be to a dinner.

New One on Snakes.
A group of boys were leaning their noses up against the glass case which harbors the boconstrictor at the reptile house at the New York zoological gardens. "Where's its rattler?" asked one of the kids to a companion. "Ho, ho," roared another of the boys; "he ain't got no rattler. When a snake gets that big he's got a whistle."

As It Seemed to Joey.
Joey was at the circus and intently watching the acrobats, when he started all around by exclaiming: "Mama, isn't it terrible for those ladies to come out in their pink underwear?"

Helping Him Out.
"Could you lend me five dollars?" "No. I'm going to be married; but I'll see to it that you don't get an invitation—so you'll save at least ten dollars by that!"—Life.

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OAK FOREST

Dec. 26—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rutt entertained the following at dinner Christmas day: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eastman, Lee Eastman and Mrs. Orpha McGinnis, all of Dixon. In the evening Harry McGinnis was a caller at the Rutt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller motored to Clinton, Ia., Saturday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keeper. They remained over Christmas, returning Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mary McGinnis and daughter Mrs. Ella Older and Miss Lizzie McGinnis entertained the following at Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McGinnis and daughters, Blanch, Josephine, Ruth and Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGinnis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McGinnis and children and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cushing and family of Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Henderson were guests at the Charles Beede home Christmas. E. B. Knight, Mrs. Beede's father, was also a guest.

Miss Bessie Miller, who is attending the Dixon high school, is home on a week's vacation.

The Oak Forest school, B. Frank Hoover, teacher, gave an entertainment Monday afternoon. The pupils will enjoy a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boucher were dinner guests at the home of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. S. Brooks of Dixon, Monday.

Martin Girod of Dixon visited on Christmas with his sister, Mrs. C. F. Becker.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Henderson attended the reunion of the Knight family Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beede. A Christmas tree was an enjoyable feature of the evening.

Gallen Gerdes, who is attending college at Mt. Morris, is spending the week's vacation with his brother, E. Gerdes.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Miller are entertaining for a week or two their aunt, Miss Louise Miller of Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fredericks entertained over the week end her mother, Mrs. Fred Zbinden and Mrs. J. F. Weber of Sterling.

Rev. Johnson of the Dixon Brethren church, his wife and little son spent Christmas at the Ephraim Gerdes home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scott entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott and daughter Delores, Mr. Mitchell and Robert Scott of Dixon.

Wm. Gerdes and Miss Rebekah Gerdes of Chadwick spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Gerdes.

Verde Anderson came home from Camp Dodge to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Curnow and daughter Gladys of Kewanee and A. D. Neis of Manlius were Christmas guests at the J. H. Neis home.

J. D. Hawks and family ate Christmas dinner at the home of Grandpa and Grandma Hawks in La Moille.

Miss Mildred Jackson went to La Grange Wednesday morning for a few days' visit at the home of E. A. Hey.

Perry Rensburg is enjoying a vacation from his school duties at Dixon.

John Spitz and family of Mendota and Mrs. Vandemark of Sterling were guests the first of the week at the home of Charles Winebrenner.

William Sheehan and his sister, Miss Charlotte, came down from Chicago to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Ann Sheehan.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Antolik of Aurora are guests of Mrs. Antolik's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lelechy of Lake Geneva, Wis., are guests at the Demerath home.

E. A. Hey and son Clifford came down from La Grange Wednesday evening to spend a few days hunting rabbits.

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN EMPLOYED OVER THERE

PERFORM USEFUL DUTIES BEHIND BATTLE LINES IN FRANCE.

Behind British Lines in France—Correspondence—Many thousands of French women and girls, ranging in age from 14 to well past 60, are employed by the British army at various kinds of work behind the lines. One line at which they excel all others is the painting of camouflage on guns. They also make very good packers at the various army storehouses and ordnance dumps, their deft, active fingers making it possible for them to do this work with 50 per cent more efficiency and speed than any other class of worker.

In many of the clerical sections of the ordnance department, they work side by side with the uniformed English girls belonging to the "Waacs," as is customary to call members of the Women's Auxiliary Army corps are called, and in these departments a numerical system of marking has been adopted in order to facilitate sorting, as most of the French girls have no knowledge of English.

More than 1000 French women are engaged in the Receipts and Salvage department, where their work includes the repairing of respirators and other equipment, the scrubbing and renewal of harness and leather materials in an oil bath, and the sorting of recovered cartridges and water bottles.

In the boot and shoe repairing department at one base 1500 French women are employed in boot making and repairing. In the armorers' shops French girls clean, oil and test bayonets. In the wheelwrights' shops they clean and straighten bolts and paint wagons and traveling kitchens.

In work at piece rates, the output of the French girls has been found to exceed that of German prisoners by more than 50 per cent.

TO PAINT PICTURES OF BIG BATTLEFIELDS

FIFTY ARTISANS ENGAGED TO PREPARE PICTURES FOR CANADA.

London: Fifty artists have been engaged to paint pictures of battlefields and roads of France, ruined towns and various other war scenes for the Canadian War Memorial fund. These paintings are to be exhibited in London for a short time before being sent to Canada, where a building will be erected in which they will remain as a permanent tribute to Canadian war heroes.

The artists engaged include Major Augustus John, D. Y. Cameron, Geo. Clausen, Wm. Orpen, Julius Olsson, Chas. Shannon, Frank Brangwyn, H. W. Nevinson, Wyndham Lewis, J. W. Morrice, the dozen of Canadian painters, and Ettore Tito, the famous Italian painter.

The women chosen are Mrs. Swinerton, Laura Knight, Anna Airy and Claire Atwood. They will do training camp scenes, munition workers and Red Cross depots.

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U. S. SHIP LOST! WITH 35 OF CREW

Former Lake Steamer Tuscarora Believed to Have Been Dashed Against the Cliffs.

LIFEBOAT IS PICKED UP

Wreckage From Vessel Found Near St. Paul's Island—Craft Thought to Have Been Dashed Against the Cliffs.

New York, Dec. 27.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel from Chicago and requisitioned by the United States shipping board for Atlantic service, together with her entire crew of 35 men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island, according to advices received in shipping circles from Nova Scotia.

Among those signed in New York were 12 Americans, the others being from Sweden, Denmark, Great Britain and other countries. The Americans were:

H. M. Crowell, captain, Cape Cod; Scott Nickerson, second mate, Jersey City; Harrington Sterling, third mate, Crisfield, Md.; Charles S. Dickey, chief engineer, Brooklyn; Otto H. Iwan, first assistant engineer, Camden; J. T. Taylor, third engineer, Brooklyn; William H. Dewart, steward, Binghamton, N. Y.; Carl Johnson, messman, New Rochelle, N. Y.; A. F. Leighton, messman, born in Massachusetts; A. Constantine, oiler, naturalized Italian; M. O'Donnell, oiler, Detroit; Louis N. Jimenez, Porto Rico.

A large number of former lake ships were caught in the heavy storm of two weeks and all but the Tuscarora have been reported. Advices were received in shipping circles here that parts of a bridge, pilothouse and deck timbers from a large steamer had washed ashore on St. Paul island about 30 miles northeast from Cape North on Cape Breton island.

While there has been no positive identification of the wreckage, shipping men believe it is from the missing lake steamer.

The vessel was registered at 2380 tons gross and was built in 1890.

Lifboat Is Picked Up.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27.—A lifboat from the American steamer Tuscarora, believed to have been lost with all hands, was picked up by the light-keeper on St. Paul's island. Wreckage found nearby indicated that the steamer was dashed against the cliffs.

U. S. TROOPS KILL 8 BANDITS

American Cavalrymen Pursue Mexican Who Murdered Civilians.

Marfa, Tex., Dec. 27.—Eight Mexican bandits, who participated in the Camarillo raid, were killed by their American pursuers, while others, belonging to the same band, made a fresh raid, looting the Fitzgerald ranch, between here and the river. It now is believed the bandits were a part of Francisco Villa's force, which has been operating in the Ojinaga district. The killing of the eight bandits, who were attacked by ranchers and American cavalrymen, was officially announced.

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BLISS STILL CHIEF OF STAFF

General Will Not Be Retired Next Monday, Says Baker.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss will be retained on active service as chief of staff of the army after he reaches the retirement age, next Monday, December 31. Secretary Baker announced that this had been decided upon by President Wilson. It has been believed generally General Bliss would continue in active service, but that some younger officer would assume the burdens of the chief of staff.

Mills Begin Grinding War Flour.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27.—Local mills began grinding "war flour" under the new government regulations designed to save 16,000,000 bushels of wheat in the present crop year. Under these regulations, which provide for the use of 74 per cent of the wheat berry instead of but 50 per cent, two grades of flour will be eliminated and the output will be listed as war flour of first and second grades.

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KAISERISM LAID BARE BY GERMAN

Dr. Liebknecht Makes Charges Against Government.

IS A SCATHING INDICTMENT

War Incited Through Suppression of Belgian Ultimatum and Messages of Czar—Submarine Warfare and Sinking of Lusitania—Taking of Hostages and Levy of Contributions.

A scathing indictment of the German government by a German was received in Washington and made public at Washington. It is a four-page pamphlet in German by Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader. These are some of the things with which he charges the kaiser's government:

The incitement of the war through the suppression of the Belgian ultimatum and the messages of the czar.
The rape of Belgium and Luxembourg.

Introduction of poison gas.
The Zepplin bombings, "aimed," he says, "to annihilate every living person, combatant and noncombatant."
Submarine warfare on commerce and the sinking of the Lusitania.

The taking of hostages and levy of contributions in occupied territory.
Systematic exaction of service reasonable to their own countries from Ukrainian, Georgian, Courland, Polish, Irish, Mohammedan and other prisoners of war, and from enemy aliens in Germany under threat of internment.
This service involved forced espionage for the central powers.

Fostering political lawlessness and exploitation of the people through martial law.

Failure to provide for the people through the war through the influence of the capitalistic and agrarian classes.

Maintenance of its aims of conquest blocking the way to peace.

All of this Doctor Liebknecht sums up as "the most extreme concentration and extension of political oppression, of economic exploitation, of militaristic slaughtering of the working classes, body and soul, for the advantage of capitalism and despotism."

Paved Way for Revolution.

"The German government," he says, "has prepared the way for a revolutionary uprising of the people and for general distress."

Doctor Liebknecht's statement was made to the Imperial military tribunal, Berlin, in explanation of his deposition in the proceedings following his arrest. He says:

"The German government contrived the war jointly in concert with the Austrian government, and so burdened itself with the greatest responsibility for the immediate outbreak of the war."

"The German government brought on the war under cover of deception practiced upon the common people and even upon the reichstag (note the suppression of the ultimatum to Belgium, the promulgation of the German White book, the elimination of the czar's dispatch of July 29, 1914, etc.), and it sought by wicked means to keep up the war spirit among the people."

"The German government wages the war methods which, judged even by standards till now conventional, are monstrous. (Note, for example, the sudden attack upon Belgium and Luxembourg; poison gas—since adopted by all the belligerents—but most outrageous of all the Zepplin bombings, inspired with the purpose of annihilating every living person, combatant or noncombatant, over large areas; the submarine war on commerce, the torpedoing of the Lusitania, etc.; the system of taking hostages and levying contributions, especially at the outset in Belgium; the systematic exactions from Ukrainian, Georgian, Courland, Polish, Irish, Mohammedan and other prisoners of war in the German prison camps; of treasonable espionage for the central powers; the contract between Under Secretary of State Zimmerman and Sir Roger Casement in December, 1914, for the organization, equipment and training of the 'Irish brigade' made up of imprisoned British soldiers in the German prison camps; the attempts under threats by forced internment to compel enemy alien civilians found in Germany to perform treasonable war service against their own country, etc.) 'Necessity knows no law.'

Refuses All Reforms.

"The German government has, through the establishment of martial law, greatly increased the political lawlessness and economic exploitation of the people; it refuses all serious political and social reforms, while it seeks to hold the people docile for the imperialistic war policy, through rhetorical phrases about equal rights of all parties, about alleged discontinuation of political and social class discriminations, about an alleged new order and direction of affairs, and the like.

"The German government has failed, out of deference to agrarian and capitalistic interests, to care for the economic welfare of the population during the war, and so has prepared the way for a revolutionary uprising of the people and for general distress."

"The German government holds fast even yet to its war aims of conquest, and thereby constitutes the chief obstacle in the way of immediate peace negotiations upon the fund-

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amental principle of retaliation of annexations and of all sorts of oppressions. It stifles through the maintenance—in itself illegal—of martial law (censorship, etc.) public knowledge of embarrassing facts and socialistic criticism of its procedure. The German government thereby discloses its system of specious legality and sham nationality as a system of actual force, of genuine hostility to the people, and of guilty conscience as regards the masses.

"The cry of 'down with the government' brands this entire policy of the government as fatal to the masses. 'This indicates further that a struggle of the most strenuous character, class struggle against the government, is the duty of every champion of the welfare of the proletariat.'

Not in Interest of Masses.
"The present war is not a war for the protection of national integrity, not for the freeing of oppressed people, not for the welfare of the masses.

"It signifies from the standpoint of the proletariat the most extreme concentration and extension of political oppression, of economic exploitation, of militaristic slaughtering of the working classes, body and soul, for the advantage of capitalism and of despotism.

"To all this the working classes of all countries can give only one answer—intensified struggle. International class struggle against the capitalistic regime and the ruling classes of all countries for the abolition of every species of oppression and exploitation, for the termination of war through the institution of a peace consistent with the spirit of socialism. In this class struggle, the socialist, who knows no country but the international, must come to the defense of everything which as a socialist he is bound to defend.

"The cry 'down with war' signifies that I must stand opposed to the present war, condemning and hating it on principle, in its historical character, in its general social causes and specific origin, in the method of its conduct and in the purposes for which it is waged. That cry signifies that it is a duty incumbent upon every defender of proletarian interests to participate in international class struggle for the ending of the war.

"As a socialist, I am fundamentally opposed not only to this present war, but also to the existing military system, and I have to the utmost of my ability continually urged on the fight against militarism as an especially portentous undertaking, a matter of life and death for the working classes. (See my paper: 'Militarism and Anti-militarism, 1907,' international conference at Stuttgart, 1907, and Copenhagen, 1910). The present war is a summons to maintain the struggle against militarism with redoubled energy.

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"Since 1889 the 1st of May has been consecrated to manifestation and propaganda of the great fundamental principles of socialism, against all exploitation, oppression and violence, consecrated to propaganda for the essential solidarity of workers in all lands—a solidarity which the war has not impaired but strengthened—against fratricidal conflict, for peace and against war.

"The declaration and propaganda of these principles is a sacred duty imposed upon all socialists—doubly so during the war.

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